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Nilsen strangled, cut up and burnt men he met in pubs, jury told

Dennis Nilsen, a civil servant and former probationary policeman, told the jury he had killed 15 or 16 people. It was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Nilsen, aged 37, of Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill, north London, who denies six murders and two attempted murders, was questioned after a plumber had found human remains in a blocked drain at his home Mr Allan Green, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Nilsen also admitted attempting to kill another seven men, Mr Green said. But eight had not been identified.

Mr Green said that there was no doubt that Mr Nilsen had killed all the men he was alleged to have murdered, but the defence would raise the question of diminished responsibility.

Mr Nilsen's killings and attempted killings had followed a pattern: each victim was a man whom he had met that day, usually in a public house, who had no fixed address and whose disappearance would not lead to any inquiries. Some were homosexuals and some prostitutes.

"They went back to his flat where they would drink and in almost all cases he would try to strangle them," Mr Green said.

Mr Nilsen was arrested last February after he and other unidentifiable men had complained to the landlord's agents about the smell from the drains, Mr Green said. Det Chief Insp Peter Jay confronted him after the remains had been analysed and said: "I've come about your drains."

Mr Green added that Mr Nilsen had joined the Army in 1961 and had served for 11 years. "Some of the service was in the catering corps, where he learnt certain butchering skills which he put to use in some of the killings."

In 1972, he became a probationary police constable in the Wellesden area for almost eight months. He resigned and became a security officer with the Manpower Services Commission in 1974.

Mr Green said that in November, 1975, Mr Nilsen had moved into 195 Melrose Avenue. Various young men

shared his flat until the summer of 1978 when he began to live there alone.

The first victim was a young unidentified Irishman in December, 1978, Mr Green said.

When Mr Nilsen woke the next morning he found him lying dead on a bed. "I came to the conclusion that I had killed him," he allegedly told the jury.

Asked how the man had died, Mr Nilsen was said to have replied: "My tie was round his neck. I think I started off with about 15 ties. I have only got one left, a clip-on."

He hid the body under floorboards, but later burnt it in the garden.

The next to die was Kenneth Ockenden, aged 23, a Canadian. Mr Nilsen strangled him with the cord of a set of headphones in December, 1979, because Mr Ockenden had become engaged in some music, Mr Green said.

He later dissected the body and that of his third victim, Martin Duffey, aged 16, who had been doing a catering course. He was killed in May, 1980. The remains were burnt in the garden with a tyre to disguise the smell, it was said.

'Victim was drowned in the bath'

Mr Nilsen allegedly gave details of several other killings at Melrose Avenue after which he put the bodies under the floorboards before disposing of them.

Asked by the police how many bodies he had had under the floor at any one time, he allegedly replied: "I am not sure. I did not do a stock check or anything."

The fourth victim was William Sutherland, aged 25, from Edinburgh, who was described as a heavy drinker, Mr Green said. Mr Nilsen had said: "We had a great binge and I killed Billy Sutherland." Mr Nilsen allegedly said that his strength increased, two or three times after he had been drinking.

The fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth victims had not been identified, Mr Green said. Mr Nilsen is alleged to have said of one of the strangled men: "I felt I was doing him a favour, I felt his life was one long struggle."

In November, 1980, he invited home Mr Douglas Stewart, then aged 26. He woke up to find his feet tied and Mr



Dennis Nilsen as a probationary policeman (below), and in London last March (right) and Mr Allan Green, counsel for the prosecution (top).

Daily Mail readers second time unlucky

By David Hewson

Readers of the *Daily Mail* besieged the newspapers offices and telephone lines for the second time in two years yesterday in the mistaken belief that they had struck gold in the paper's latest attempt to boost its circulation through a bingo-style competition.

Yesterday's *Daily Mail* carried details of a new competition which, the newspaper announced, "is going to make it so much easier to transform your lifestyle to millionaire level."

But for those who batted their way through the jammed switchboard or pressed the newspaper's harassed commissionaires there was usually a different story. After failing to persuade *Daily Mail* executives to talk about the competition, I stood in line with a group of readers pressing their claims, only to be told by a commissionaire: "I'm sorry, there's been a mistake. You haven't won anything."

The commissionaire blamed ambiguous wording of the rules and added: "According to the women upstairs we'll be changing them tomorrow."

The instructions for the main part of the contest covered half of the centre spread of yesterday's *Daily Mail*, while the rest invited readers to imagine what they would do with the £1m top prize.

Details of two subsidiary competitions made up the next page. One was a roulette-style game which let in the newspaper's first brush with its readers in February last year. About 8,000 claimed a £35,000 first prize only to be told that they would all be entered for a draw for one sum of £35,000.

Mail executives refused to disclose their response to the latest circulation war rumpus, but it may bring back Labour calls for some form of newspaper bingo code to be drawn up with the Office of Fair Trading.

Racehorse stud owner drops herpes action

A damages action brought by Merrion Meade, a racehorse breeder, against a leading firm of Newmarket veterinary surgeons over the death of three mares during an outbreak of equine herpes virus ended abruptly in the High Court yesterday.

Mrs Meade and Miss Brefny Meade, her daughter, withdrew all their allegations of professional negligence against Day Crowhurst, Simpson Greenwood and Ellis, the veterinary surgeons.

Mr Edward Cazalet, QC, for the Meades, told Mr Justice Paine: "I am happy to tell you that the parties have been able to resolve their differences."

The Meades, who run the Ballintober Stud at Carlton, near Newmarket, had claimed more than £100,000 damages for the death of three mares in 1979. The claim included related losses and the expense of caring for sick animals.

They alleged that the veterinary surgeons allowed a Ballintober mare to come into contact with an infected mare and foal at the surgery.

The veterinary surgeons denied negligence and contested the cause of death of two of the mares. They counter claimed for £1,161 in unpaid fees.

Hunt 'mole' accused over moving of foxes

By Hugh Clayton, Environmental Correspondent

The British Field Sports Society admitted yesterday that wild foxcubs dug from an earth near Birmingham had been taken more than 100 miles in the Humberdale kennels of the Holderness hunt. The incident, disclosed in *The Times* yesterday, was filmed on behalf of the League Against Cruel Sports.

Christopher Wood, who then worked for the Holderness hunt, had a friend who worked as a terrierman near Birmingham. He added that the league "mole", who used the name Barry Coplestone, offered a vehicle for the journey.

The league denied suggesting the journey. Mr Richard Course, executive director, said that carrying wild cubs more than 100 miles in a box was against the animal welfare principles which guided his organization. "Anyone who works for me will have a proven record in animal welfare," Mr Course said.

The society said that Mr

Libel damages for Sean Connery

Sean Connery received a public apology yesterday over passages in a biography of him which he regarded as "inaccurate and defamatory in relation to his personal and professional life."

The High Court was told that he had also accepted "modest" damages in settlement of his libel action and would give the money to the Scottish International Educational Trust.

The author had sued the author, Kenneth Passingham, the publishers Sidgwick & Jackson, and Express Newspapers, which published extracts from the book in the *Sunday Express* last December.

His counsel, Mr Charles Gray, said he did not authorize the biography of play any part in its compilation.

He was particularly incensed by a paragraph which



Sean Connery: Accepted "modest" damages.

Doctor in £200,000 plot jailed

A Harley Street specialist and pioneer of kidney transplant techniques was jailed for three years yesterday for defrauding a Saudi Arabian health authority of an estimated £200,000.

Stanley Hardy, aged 62, an undischarged bankrupt, of Rampton Road, Cottenham, Cambridge, admitted conspiring with employees of the Saudi Health Office to obtain cash, securities and cheques by deception.

Southwark Crown Court was told how he invented bogus patients, allegedly referred to him by the Saudi Embassy, and then sent the bill to the embassy.

Car plea fails

An appeal by Vincent Hilaire, aged 24, the Crystal Palace football club winger, against a six-month driving ban imposed by Bexley magistrates in August was rejected by Judge Troup at Croydon Crown Court yesterday.

Kerb crawlers

Twelve men were bound over to be of good behaviour for a year by Nottingham magistrates yesterday after a vice squad drove against kerb crawlers in the Hyson Green red light district last month.

Royal pony shot

Concorde, a four-year-old filly polo pony belonging to the Queen, was shot yesterday after it bolted into the path of a car near Windsor Great Park and broke a leg.

Gaming machines curb

From Arthur Osman, Birmingham

Cafes and premises used by children in Birmingham will be limited to two gaming machines in future, the city council's general purposes committee decided yesterday. The committee is worried about the increased number of applications to license large numbers of machines in cafes.

The city has 505 permits in force covering 1,513 machines, including 818 in 26 amusement centres which are not covered by the limit. There are 274 cafes with permits for 420 machines and 17 fish and chip shops with 155 machines.

Struck-off lawyer faces £150,000 bill

The solicitor who over-charged a client by £131,000 was struck off by a High Court judge yesterday and faces a bill of costs of £150,000.

"He has only himself to blame," Mr Justice Vinelott said when he ordered that Mr Lawrence Davies be removed from the roll of solicitors.

Mr Davies, aged 60 of Queen Victoria Road, Llanelli, Dyfed, admitted gross and persistent misconduct in submitting a "grossly inflated" £198,000 bill to Mr Leslie Parsons, a Welsh businessman and inventor.

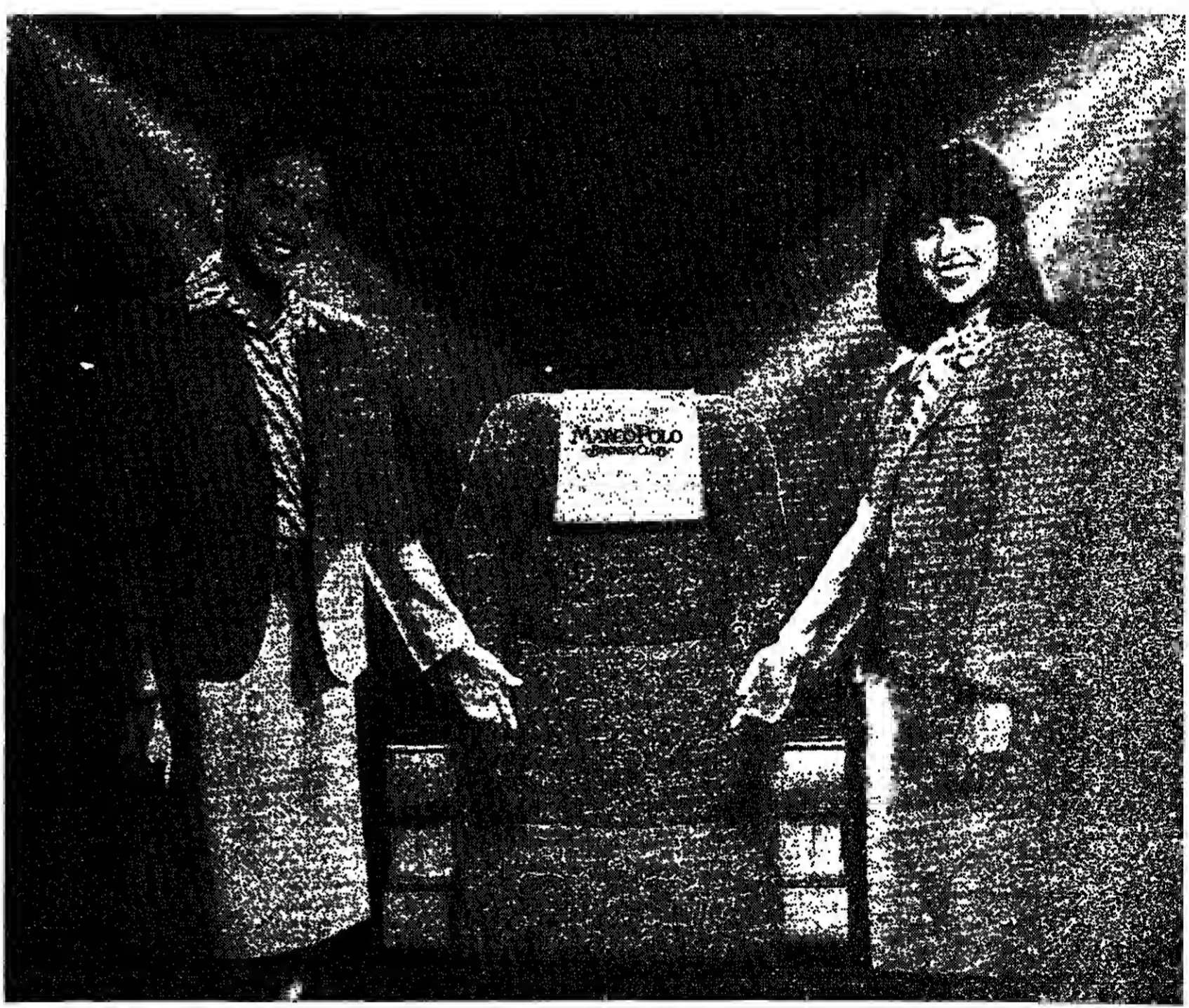
After two High Court hearings the bill was cut to £67,000. Set when the Law Society, the solicitors' governing body, took action against Mr Davies, Mr Parsons took steps under the Solicitors' Act, 1974, to have Mr Davies removed from the roll.

Mr Parsons, aged 69, of Green Trees, Lon Hix, Camar-

then, who runs a pickling factory, successfully won a Contingency action in 1975 over an onion-peeling machine he invented. He was awarded £530,000 damages, but Mr Davies, who acted for him, then submitted a bill for £105,000 which Mr Parsons considered too much. He asked for a detailed account, which came with a new bill for £198,000.

The figure for reading documents was reduced by more than £80,000 when he came to court. It had been grossly excessive, the judge said. The abundance bill contained wholly fictitious times and dates and was added up to inflated totals.

Mr Davies fell far short of his duty as a solicitor and had been unwise to take on a case far beyond his firm's resources. Mr Parsons was entitled to



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RAILWAYS

The objectives set for the British Railways Board... Mr Nicholas Ridley, the new Secretary of State for Transport...

The Secretary of State also announced in a Commons reply that the central Government PSO grant for 1983 would be £319m...

British Rail has already begun to introduce really significant improvements, to which I want to pay a warm tribute...

investment objectives. Not a single thing was said about electrification. Rail investment was down to £269m in 1982 when BR said they required £100m annually...

Mr Ridley said he had made it quite clear in answer to the Serpell committee's report that they were totally opposed to the privatization of British Rail Engineering Ltd.

Mr Robert Hughes, Opposition spokesman on transport (Aberdeen North), said: 'The statement offered not a glimmer of hope nor a scrap of news...

On the level of grant, I would have thought Mr Hughes would have been delighted to see the need for public money...

On BREL, the engineering workshops, Mr Hughes seemed to think a levy would be needed in order to help cover exports as well as refurbish BR.

If you are going to export rolling stock it has got to be competitive. What the chairman is asked to do is make sure BREL becomes highly competitive...

Mr Ian Wright (Stockton South, SDP): 'An overwhelming case has already been made out of investment in railway electrification...'

Ridley: Improvements.

are awaiting the Inter-City strategy from British Rail. When they put forward plans for Inter-City to achieve its expected rate of return...

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C): 'If I were the chairman I would write back and say: "The Minister does not tell me anything at all..."'

Of the total grant settlement, £147m was in respect of the board's Inter-City business, £267m for the London and South East sector...

Mr Bradley: 'I have offered to provide £319m this year and £635m in 1986. These are by any standards sizeable sums of money...'

High cost of old masters

The asking price for a major work of art by an old master was now well in excess of the national purchase grant given to the National Gallery...

Exceptional powers needed to combat IRA

MAZE ESCAPE

There could be no let-up in the measures being taken to capture the 19 prisoners still missing from the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said in a statement to the Commons.

The Bill gave power to proscribe organizations concerned in Northern Ireland terrorism and created a range of offences connected with such organizations.

As well as Irish terrorism, there was a newer danger from terrorist groups with Middle East connections which had operated increasingly in the name of a total jihad...

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, moved: 'That this House declines to give a second reading to a Bill which includes the power of arbitrary arrest and detention...

Tighter security in Ulster prisons

TERRORISM

All governors of Northern Ireland prisons had undertaken immediate, urgent reviews of their security systems and procedures.

Mr Des Cowley (Carryduff, D): 'Why were the breaks in the 130 wall...? Why were the watch towers not all manned?'

Mr Prior: 'It is unfair to say that there was any delay in getting matters underway. A helicopter was over the prison within 10 minutes of the alarm...'

On the question of resignations, I have made it plain that Ministers are clear on this issue and I shall stick to it.

British and American warships standing by

GRENADE

With the situation in the Caribbean island of Grenada still volatile following last week's military coup and the election of the Prime Minister, Mr Maurice Bishop...

Euro electors

A private member's Bill to amend the law relating to the qualification of electors at elections to the Assembly of the European Community...

British C-in-C to visit Beirut

LEBANON

The safety of the British troops in the multinational force in Lebanon was uppermost in the Government's mind, and the Commander-in-Chief, UK Land Forces, General Kinross, Chairman of the Policy...

Data Bill fears unfounded

Under the Data Protection Bill, if so many cricket-loving schoolboys cared to put on the school computer the names of the first and second elevens...

Over £100m paid out in legal aid

The net cost of legal aid in the most recent financial year was £106,400,000 in criminal cases and £68m in civil cases, Mr Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, said at a question time in the Commons.

Clerk dies

Viscount Whitehall, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, reported to the House that the death had occurred of Mr John Webb, who since 1977 had been the fourth clerk at the table and head of the Judicial Office.

Prior: No dummies in the watch towers

maximum cooperation from the South - from the Irish Government - said I have no doubt that they are as keen as we are to recapture those prisoners.

Station taxis

Mr Alexander Fletcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in a written Commons reply, said British Railways carrying out a review of all franchise systems at its stations with a view to introducing, where practicable, open systems that would allow any licensed taxi to ply for trade.

New MP

Mr David Maclean, who retained Penrith and the Border for the Conservatives in the by-election on July 28, took his seat.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Tenants' Rights Bill (Second Reading); Second Reading, Debate on defence estimates.

Complete list of Government as Parliament resumes

Table with columns for THE CABINET, DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND MINISTERS, Home Office, Law Officers, Management and Personnel Office, Northern Ireland Office, Privy Council Office, Scottish Office, Trade and Industry, Transport, Treasury, Welsh Office, and various under-secretaries and ministers.

Report on Channel tunnel soon

The report by a group of British and French banks on private financing of the various Channel Tunnel schemes should be before the Government in the next few days, Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, said when he explained that all possible propositions and designs were still open.

London lorry routes

Consideration would be given to the needs of commerce and industry in considering the future of lorry routes in London, Mr Eyles Chalker, Minister of State for Transport, said in answer to a question on lorry routes.

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Knesset looks to local polls for clues to its own future

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Less than three weeks after taking office, the new Likud Government, led by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, will face an indirect test of its electorate's opinion today when 2.6 million Israelis are eligible to take part in municipal elections contested by the same parties which dominate the Knesset.

Although some of the candidates such as Mr Teddy Kollek, the ebullient Labour Mayor of Jerusalem, have an appeal which crosses party lines, the results are being eagerly awaited as a guide towards voting intentions in a general election which many expect to be brought forward from its scheduled date of 1985.

Voters will be casting their ballots both for specific mayoral candidates and for party lists. In the run up to voting, Labour has been improving its position in the opinion polls.

Because of the grave economic crisis, the party has been concentrating on the national aspect of the election to the country's 147 local authorities. Reserve General Mordechai Gur, the former Chief of Staff in charge of the Labour campaign, claimed that national issues were inseparable from the municipal poll.

After the recent exit from politics of Mr Menachem Begin and the chain of economic catastrophes, Likud managers are braced for a protest vote against the Government.

The last hours of canvassing yesterday were overshadowed by reports of a sharp drop in value of shares following the reopening of the crisis hit Tel Aviv stock exchange for the first time in more than a fortnight. Because of heavy selling, smoc

40 per cent in dollar terms was wiped off the value of shares in the main commercial banks since the exchange shut on October 6. Other shares fell an average of 20 per cent in dollar terms.

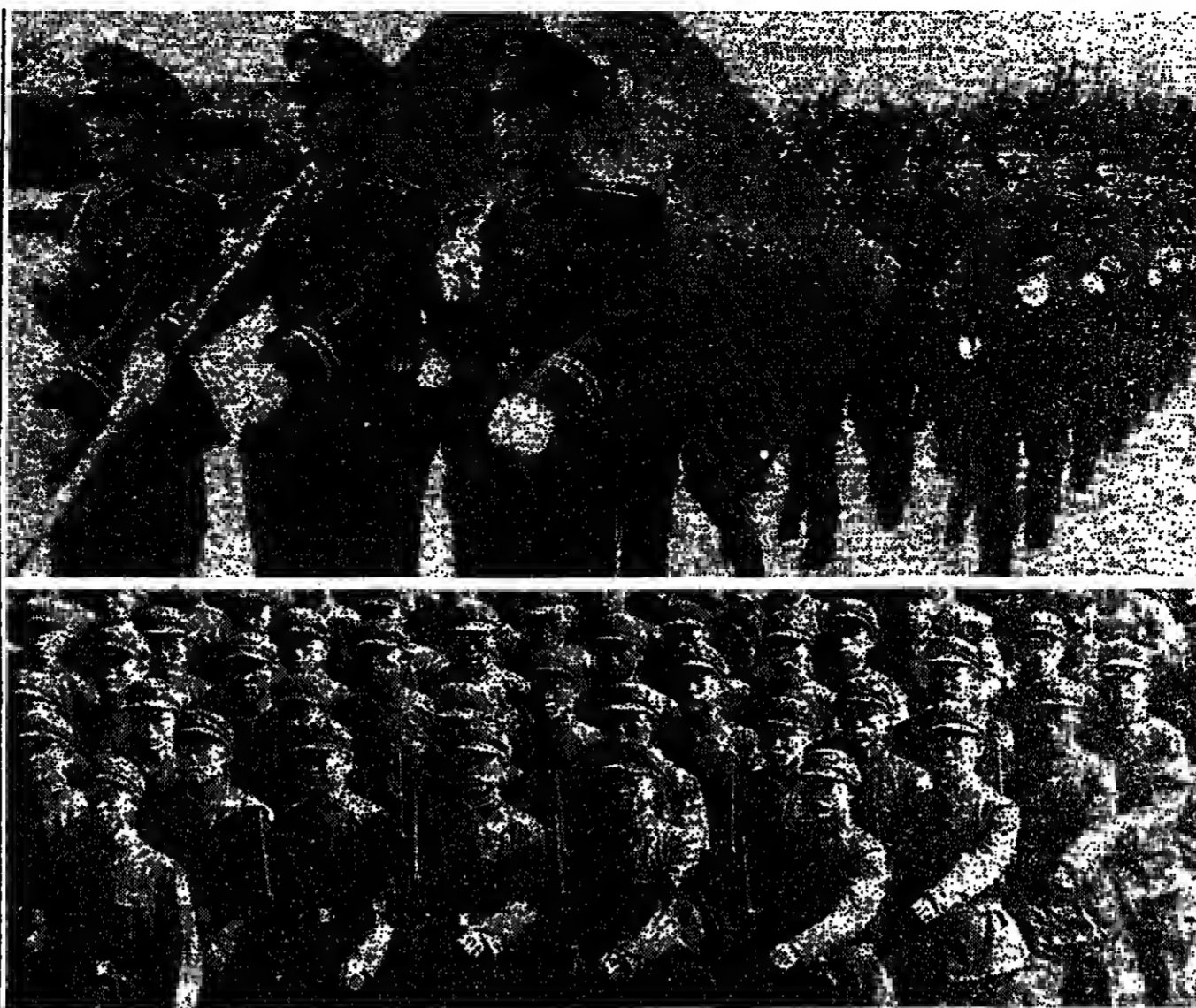
Although government officials and stockbrokers expressed relief that the initial wave of selling had been less serious than feared, there were indications that the slump in the value of bank shares - the country's most popular hedge against 131 per cent inflation - could have damaging electoral results for the Likud.

In Jerusalem, the municipal election campaign has seen occasional outbreaks of violence resulting from another issue gathering momentum in national political terms - the mounting hostility between ultra-orthodox Jews and the majority of Israelis, who are less exacting in their adherence to strict religious laws.

Last week, Mr Kollek, was attacked by a mob of 200 Jewish fanatics because of his refusal to withdraw financial support for a large new mixed-sex swimming pool.

One of his campaign posters warns that a failure to vote for him could tie his hands by forcing him into a coalition at City Hall with his ultra-orthodox rivals from the Agudat Israel party.

Although many of the 100,000 Palestinian Arab residents of East Jerusalem are entitled to vote, the great majority are expected to boycott the poll for national reasons as they have done in previous elections since the Arab sector of the city was conquered by Israel in 1967.



The changing face of China: Chinese infantrymen show off their new dress uniform (top), a complete contrast with the plain khaki of Mao's day (below). The short collar is almost the only stylistic feature to remain.

Mao Tse-tung's little red book falls from favour

Peking (Reuters) - China's Communist Party daily paper made no mention of the works of late Chairman Mao Tse-tung in a list of essential reading for all party members published yesterday.

"Organize party members to start studying these documents, and get on with it", the Central Working Com-

mittee for Party Rectification said in a decree published in the newspaper.

The party recently said it would purge ultra-leftwing and corrupt officials among its 40 million members. The move was seen by diplomats as the next step in consolidating the position of the present leadership around Mr Deng Xiaoping.

The disappearance of Mao's writings is a striking change from the heady days of the Cultural Revolution.

Eight documents listed as required reading include reports of Central Party meetings since Mr Deng took control, speeches by Mr Deng and party leader Mr Hu Yaobang, and the party and national constitutions.

Rebel raids fuel petrol crisis in Nicaragua

Managua (AP) - The Government is to curb petrol use, limit weekend activities and turn off the lights at midnight because of fuel shortages.

The Sandinista authorities also announced stiff penalties for violations of their air and maritime space, creating a 25-mile security zone off both Nicaragua's coasts. They also announced that they would evacuate 25,000 people from the city of Corinto if rebel attacks there continued.

The state radio said the rationing measures were taken "in view of the national emergency created by the imperialist aggression".

The Sandinistas have suffered a series of crippling attacks by US-backed rebels in the past two months which have hit fuel supplies.

The measures reduce petrol quotas to private car owners from 20 to 18 gallons a month and to taxi drivers from five gallons to one a day. Government agencies will receive 15 per cent less for official use.

The three newspapers in Managua - the official *Barricada*, the pro-Sandinista *Nuevo Diario* and the opposition *La Prensa* - will receive less newsprint and will not publish on Sunday.

Street lights will be switched off at midnight. The traditional six-day week will be reduced to five, with shifts increased from eight to 10 hours.

Commander Daniel Ortega, the junta coordinator, said an invasion by the Honduran or US Army was imminent and urged the country's 2.5 million residents to prepare to face it. Recent rebel attacks had closed Nicaragua's only oil unloading docks.

Commander Ortega said Corinto would be evacuated "if the imperialist aggression that places in danger the lives of the people persists".

Queensland Premier rules out coalition

From Tony Daboudin, Melbourne

Mr Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the victorious Queensland Premier, yesterday firmly ruled out any coalition with the rump of the Liberal Party.

The Liberals look like retaining only seven of the 20 seats they had before Saturday's election. The final results will not be known until the end of the week after preferences have been allocated.

After a Cabinet meeting in Brisbane yesterday, the Premier said that he believed his National Party Government would have 42 seats, an overall majority of one.

Mr Bjelke-Petersen has started talks on the composition of his 18-member ministry and plans to reopen the state Parliament towards the end of next month. So far this year it had sat for just over 14 days.

The Premier does not rule out the possibility that some Liberals might support him.

Mr Terry White, the Liberal Party leader, said yesterday that he would stand for the party leadership which is automatically declared vacant after an election.

The poor showing of the Liberals in Queensland is a blow for Mr Andrew Peacock, the federal Liberal leader, with a federal by-election on Saturday week for the seat of Moreton, formerly held by Sir James Killen, (Liberal) who has retired.

The Labour Party requires a swing of only about 1.8 per cent to win Moreton. However, the Liberals have a good candidate in Mr Don Cameron, who lost his seat in the March general election and who had held marginal seats for the party for 16 years.

The Liberals are hoping that because no National Party candidate is standing at Moreton the coalition opposition will present a united front.

Iran assault closes on Iraq town

Tehran (Reuters) - Iran said yesterday that its forces had launched the second phase of an offensive into Kurdish mountains on northern Iraq and were closing in on the Iraqi border town of Penjwin.

The national news agency IRNA said that Iranian troops, who began the new assault late on Sunday night, had captured Iraqi positions on the Kalu Heights north of Penjwin and two other areas of high ground. It said hundreds of Iraqis had been killed or wounded in the fighting.

● BAGHDAD: Iraq confirmed that Iranian troops had launched a fresh attack on the northern Gulf war front, five days after they mounted a cross-border offensive over the Kurdish mountains (Reuters reports).

Iraqi war communiques issued over the past few days said 5,000 Iranian troops had been killed in the offensive, while dozens of Iranian tanks as well as other equipment had been destroyed.

Spanish leaders join forces against ETA

From Harry Debelins, Madrid

Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, and the opposition leader, Señor Manuel Fraga, agreed on bipartisan anti-terrorism measures, here yesterday after one of the most recent Basque extremist attacks left a five-month-old child seriously wounded.

Their conversation took place at the prime minister's residence, Moncloa Palace, in the midst of growing political violence by the leftwing secessionist organization ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty). The Prime Minister had received a message from

President Reagan shortly before, expressing his solidarity in the worldwide fight against terrorism.

Señor Fraga, whose conservative Popular Alliance has repeatedly called for emergency measures to stamp out the ETA, said after the meeting that he intended to cooperate with the Government in new anti-terrorist measures. He did not specify what had been agreed.

The injured baby is the daughter of a member of the paramilitary civil guard police. She was hit by flying debris on Sunday night when ETA blasted a civil guard barracks at Lecumberrri, near Pamplona, with three bazooka rounds and several bursts of machine-gun fire.

About one-and-a-half hours earlier, a bomb exploded at the San Sebastian naval headquarters, but there were no victims. The building had been evacuated after an anonymous telephone warning.



Señor Gonzalez (left) and Señor Fraga: Allies against ETA.

Sahel herds eating like locusts, dying like flies

From Susan MacDonald, Dakar

The West African countries of the Sahel could be facing the worst drought since 1972 within the next few months, according to aid specialists working in the area.

The lateness and the sparseness of the summer rains, which usually last from July until October, have badly hit pasture lands and crops.

This situation is likely to become dramatic as cattle, sheep and goats move southwards in search of food. UN Food and Agriculture Organization experts working in Senegal estimate that the percentage of grassland available this year is less than a quarter of that of last year.

In 1972 grazing herds reached as far south as the Casamance region, below Gambia, "eating like locusts and dying like flies", as one aid worker said. This

situation could well be repeated this year.

Around Dakar the intermittent rains did not start until August and already the earth is becoming brown and parched.

The Senegalese Minister for Rural Development, Mr Amadou Bator Diop, estimates that there will be a 300,000 tonne deficit in crops.

● ABIDJAN: Unicef, the United Nations Children's Fund is to increase its staff in Africa by a third from 1984 in an effort to combat rising child deaths (AFP reports).

Mr Richard Jolly, Unicef's deputy director-general, said that the increase would not entail extra spending because staff already employed at Unicef headquarters in Geneva, Copenhagen and New York would be sent to Africa.

French couple seized by Burmese rebels

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

Karen rebels opposed to the Burmese Government have claimed responsibility for kidnapping a French married couple 100 miles east of Rangoon.

A spokesman for the Karen National Union said the couple were being held close to a combat zone near the Thai border. French diplomats have confirmed the kidnapping.

The couple were seized at Mying Galay where French technicians are working on a new cement plant largely financed by France. It is the third kidnapping in recent years of foreigners by anti-government rebels in Burma.

Ten years ago Shan rebels secured the release from prison of the notorious warlord Khun Sa in exchange for two Russian doctors they had kidnapped.

Concorde's booming business

From Arthur Reed, Delhi

British Airways has applied to the US aviation authorities for permission to extend its London-Washington Concordia super-sonic jet route to Miami. Mr Colin Marshall, the airline's chief executive, said here yesterday.

The aircraft will be able to fly at twice the speed of sound between the two American cities, producing the sonic boom, as most of the route will be over the Atlantic.

British Airways has taken its decision following record Concorde business, with most of the twice-daily flights between New York and London nearly full, and an operating profit on super-sonic services to the most recent financial year of around £7m.

Mr Marshall, who is here to attend the annual meeting of the International Air Transport Association, said BA now proposed to keep its fleet of six

Concordes in service for a further 10 years at least.

Airline industry leaders here for the late meeting heard that their companies were losing as much as £325m a year through ticketing frauds, according to a recent investigation by IATA security. To try to stop the practice the industry is to put the serial numbers of stolen tickets on to a computer programme so that airline staff can carry out checks before passengers board flights.

Most of the frauds involve tickets stolen from airline or travel agents offices and then filled in at face value of anything up to £4,000 each. In a recent outbreak of burglaries at travel agencies in London more than 11,000 blank tickets were taken.

IATA security officers believe that organized crime is behind the thefts, and that much of the money "laundered" from the airlines is being used to support

gun-running and drug-traffic-ing.

Sir Adam Thomson chairman of British Caledonian said that the practice had reached such proportions that "it is not possible to turn a blind eye to it any more". Western governments should put pressure on offending countries and, as a final resort cut off their services.

Opening the meeting Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister said, in a veiled reference to the shooting down by the Soviet Union of the Korean airliner "the skies must be secure from brigandism. Innocent passengers should not be made victims of any type of political campaign".

Airlines at the meeting postponed until today a debate on the Korean affair after several Arab airlines insisted on incidents affecting their airliners should be included in a resolution deploring the Soviet action.

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THE ARTS

Galleries

Dramatic events so subtly staged

Annabel Cullen/Suzanne Le Blanc
Paton

Emilio Tadini
Edward Totah

Glenn Sujo:
Impossible Meetings
Anne Berthoud

Giulio Ciniglia
Barbican Sculpture Court

Julian Hawkes
Juda Rowan

While the warranted big, important shows are usually on for a fair length of time, giving one every opportunity to plant a probably quite unnecessary bush outside the door to their good wine, so often the shows which really need a push and a pointer are off almost before the critic has had a proper chance to signal that they are on. That tends particularly to be the case with shows of living artists, especially the young and little-known: if you see it towards the middle of one week, and for some reason cannot fit it immediately in the next, you find yourself pathetically pointing out that it is on for only three or four days more and exhorting your readers, inconveniently, to rush and see it while it is still around. All the same, better late than never. So I hope you will bear with me, this week and next, if, in my attempts to keep you up to date with what is happening in London this busy autumn, I seem to be advising you to do the impossible.

For example, I think it would be well worth your while, should you find yourself in Covent Garden before the end of the week, to look in on two quite unpretentious shows right around the corner from each other, that devoted to two very new women artists, Annabel Cullen and Suzanne Le Blanc, at the Paton Gallery, 2

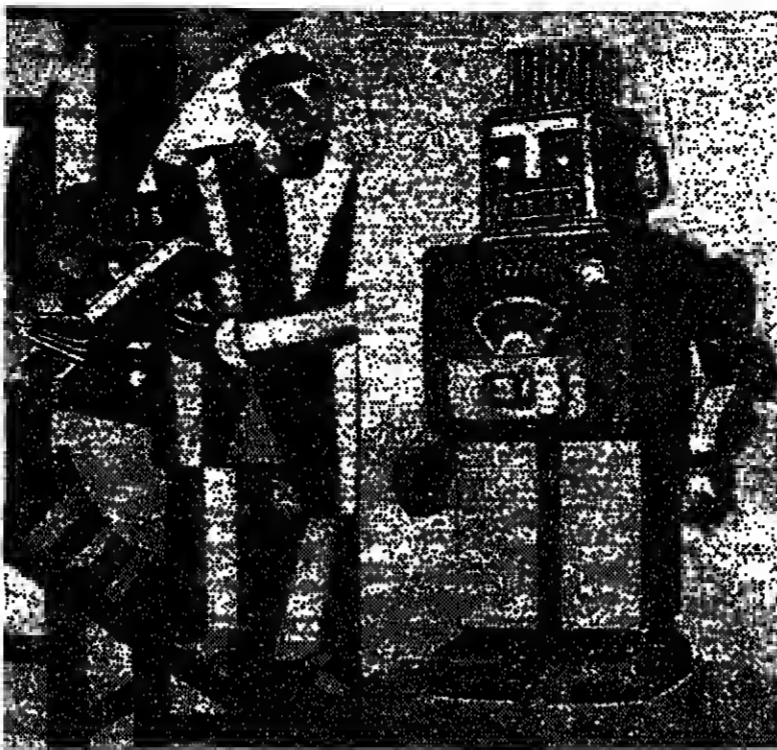
Langley Court, and that of the recent work of Emilio Tadini at the Edward Totah Gallery, 39 Floral Street. And, while you are about it, you would be conveniently placed to see Glenn Sujo's show *Impossible Meetings* at the Anne Berthoud Gallery, 1 Langley Court, which is actually on until November 12.

Annabel Cullen and Suzanne Le Blanc could hardly be more disparate. They both graduated this year, Cullen from the Royal College and Le Blanc from the Slade, and they were both included in this year's *Pick of the New Graduates* show at Christie's. But otherwise it is difficult to see anything in common between Cullen's large, confident, meticulously realistic (though not exactly photo-realistic) portraits and nudes, and Le Blanc's abstracted landscapes or landscape-based abstractions. Except, perhaps, a quality of thought.

This is something easy to feel and difficult to measure. But in Cullen's informal triptych downstairs, of herself and a man in various stages of dressing or undressing, along with the painting upstairs, evidently from the same period but this time identified as a *Self portrait*, you can feel an interest in psychological tensions, in setting up an obscure dramatic event, which takes us beyond the subtle and highly skilled observation of surfaces.

Le Blanc paints what are still just about recognizable landscapes, small in mixed media and then large in oils. At first glance one thinks maybe of Ivon Hitchens, but over and above Hitchens-like fluency with paint there is a clear intelligence teasing out the hidden structures of landscape, the value of what is observed as symbol of what cannot be observed. In particular the large painting *Bracken*, a blaze of gold dazzlingly superimposed on a tangle of dark, rich greens and undergrowth colours, is a winner, strongly suggesting that the painter may prove an important addition to a very persistent, very British school of responders to Nature (with, necessarily I think, a capital "N").

Quite coincidentally, there are certain superficial similarities between the works of Emilio Tadini and those of Glenn Sujo. Both of them, for instance, make telling play with elements of popular iconography, especially those which have perhaps been most widely influential



Scrupulously ill-matched: Glenn Sujo's *Jeune Homme et Odalisque* (a Giorgione)

during the last half-century, the creations of Walt Disney. Of the two painters, Sujo seems to be the more assured and also the more sophisticated and knowledgeable: the "impossible meetings" of his title are between unlikely characters but also between scrupulously ill-matched styles and epochs of twentieth-century art history.

In his previous show, at the ICA, he was frankly and directly antibiographical, providing the references to family portraits, political events of his youth and stories which had captured his imagination in a fascinating series of visual footnotes. Here the imagery is more accessible to everybody, since he is not the only person to have been brought up on Little Nemo and the Katzenjammer Kids, not to mention *Pinochio*, and to have discovered Ingres, Léger and Lang's *Metropolis* at a slightly more advanced stage. Perhaps in the process of "going public" the images have lost a little of their mystery, but the works on paper especially pack quite a wallop of their own: one never feels, to Sujo's credit, that the energy of his work is stolen from his sources of reference, but always that he creates it for himself.

Tadini also offers drawings as well as paintings, all with puzzling and allusive titles. The difference between drawings and paintings is more one of finish than of size, since they are all on canvas and some of the drawings

are bigger than some of the paintings. On the whole, I think the drawings are better: more direct and more closely related to the traditional still-life, though not disdaining a certain amount of play with the illusionistic side of picture-making. The paintings show a strong sense of composition, binding together the heterogeneous elements of Tadini's imagery into effectively complex structures. On the other hand, the colour sense, so clear and subtle in the drawings, becomes oddly muddled in the finished acrylic compositions, and the texture of the paint itself is faintly disagreeable. That may, of course, be the intention: since I cannot make any sense at all of the painter's extensive statement on his work, I could not say for sure.

At least all the classical references in Tadini's writings do not loom too portentously in his work. Would that one could say the same for Giulio Ciniglia, a selection of whose sculptures makes up the first show to use the Sculpture Court of the Barbican Centre (until December 11). I get increasingly the feeling that one should always fear the worst when a sculptor (or his admirers) insists on his role of continuum and extending the classical tradition in the face of modern madness. It has been said by or on behalf of Ipousteguy, of Piazzotta and of many more. But, be it noted, though it is in fact quite true of Henry More, you would never

catch him saying it. These self-conscious evokers of classical craftsmanship and inspiration always seem to end up the same way: slippery surfaces flashily rendered, big themes writ small, and a disconcerting slide from sentiment to sentimentality.

Ciniglia's sculptures live up pretty well to all these qualifications. They have the slick surfaces and grandiosity of the sort of sculpture favoured by the Italian authorities in his youth (he was born in 1931), but something like the marble *Narciso* is given a modish twist by being flayed on one side, or a bronze like *Killerman* is updated with some minor displacement of features. In *Sogno di Bruto* the bits and pieces are even more disarranged, so that the whole thing looks like a very large version of one of those desk-puzzles for artistically inclined executives. The total effect of so much slickness is faintly nauseating, and, no, on this occasion I do not think that can possibly be the artist's intention.

The best way to get the taste of that out of one's mouth, I should say, is to run straight over to the Juda Rowan Gallery in Tottenham Mews, where until November 4 there is a show of recent work by a much less known and far superior sculptor, Julian Hawkes. He spent some years as assistant to Phillip King, but, except perhaps for a certain lightness of touch, one would never know it, since his own work is very different. He works with equal ease in stone, wood and metal, and specializes in free, organic-seeming forms which evoke all sorts of - extraneous associations, I was about to say, but it is the trick and the charm and the force of these pieces that you cannot finally dismiss anything as extraneous: no association, however remote it may seem from the indications of the titles (usually quite innocent-sounding), can be totally irrelevant.

Several of the pieces have obvious, watery connexions, and some of them are frankly but all over so slightly, erotic. The delight is that you are kept guessing, and your imagination working overtime. No pretensions claims made, but it does not require much perception to see that, where the essentials are cocooned, Hawkes's sculpture is like Sister Kate's shimmy: quite simply, he does it, and does it good.

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

FASHION EDITOR'S COMMENT

Is London the leader of the pack?

The fashion collections unbuttoned over the last three weeks are supposed to have proved - especially to the Americans - that "London swings again".

It is fashionable to claim that our designers lead where others fear to tread; that styles that have become internationally accepted have been spawned to our own streets.

It is true that our eclectic, eccentric British street style is a fashion inspiration and that we export design talent. But there is an international standard by which all designers who put their collections on a catwalk must be judged.

By that immutable standard of aesthetic judgment, most of our London designer shows are uncreative, unexciting, and unworthy of overseas attention, except for a buyer looking for a collection of pretty clothes.

Nothing wrong with being a stylist

This fact is equally true of collections in Italy, Paris and New York, as well as the other centres where fashion trade fairs are held. The difference is that London designers use our so-called "creativity" as a duster coat to cover up bad make, sloppy details and poor accessorizing.

High fashion is 20 per cent creativity and 80 per cent execution. It is about standards of excellence and a consistent perception of how a woman should look. It is nothing at all to do with being backed by limitless resources (the dream and gripe of many London designers). Zandra Rhodes, who believes passionately in what she is doing and is a truly original fashion talent, put on a show that could stand alongside any international production.

Many so-called designers in Britain give themselves an importance and status far removed from their real role in the fashion world. "Designer collection" is used to describe a range of clothes made by any small company of which one key "name" is in control.

British street style is a phenomenon

In France, they make a distinction between a "stylist" and a "creator" - the latter being a creative designer who sets trends.

There is nothing wrong with being a "stylist". It is professionally more comfortable (and commercially more practical) to change the buttoning on a blazer than to challenge our accepted ideas. But fashion editors are like theatre critics, who are happy to see either Shakespeare or Cinderella, but like the actors to know which production they are in.

The only fashion area in which Britain really scores is in making individual and original clothes on a one-off-band basis. This kind of skill is being demonstrated at the current Chelsea Crafts Fair and is seen in its finest fashion flowering in our hood-knits.

Our street style is another fashion phenomenon, and one which supplies a surge of ideas - mostly fun, sometimes seminal.

But London's fashion designers seem unable to absorb street style, to assimilate and interpret it.

Between the street and the designer elite in London there is a gulf wider than the Atlantic - and apparently more difficult to cross. Perhaps it is true, as an American expressed it to me in Paris, that the British prefer to wear their fashions than to sell them. Or, to put it another way, ideas are free, but high fashion requires a vast expenditure - of effort, energy and hard work.

The Knitwear Revolution by Suzy Menkes is published on Thursday by Bell & Hyman, £10.95.



BOW JEST



Bows have tied a new knot in winter party fashion. The flat black bow in the witty accessory of the season, dressing up slick sharp clothes. They come from head to toe, on shoes, slides, and sparkly suspended earrings. Bow peep, sugar sweet bows decorate shoulders and hems like children's party frocks. Matt black bows are tied Chanel-style in sleek hair for a more sophisticated style. Who ever dreamt it up should take a bow.

Left Neck Bow. For a red and black printed polyester blouse by Nipon, also black turt, £45 from Options, Austin Road, Regent Street, W1 and branches; Tazzy, Malvern; L'Herondelle, Camberley.
Hair Bow. In black organza on slide, £2.99 from Schumi, 16 Port Street, SW1 and branches. Belt Bow. Black patent and suede belt by Otto Glanz, £25 from Selfridges.
Red perspex earrings from Fiorucci, 126 King's Road, SW3.
Black silk skirt from Fenwick.

Right Back Bow. On a black velvet cocktail dress by Bruce Oldfield, £200 to order from 41 Beauchamp Place, SW3. Ear Bow. Tied in pink ribbon on a crystal earring, £35.
Wrist Bow. Crystal and jet necklace with black satin bow, £76. By Monty Don from Harvey Nichols; Liberty's; mail order catalogue from 40-43 Rheidol Terrace, Rheidol Mews, London, N1 (enclose sae).
Gold plated and black velvet dining chair from £145, Bambu Collection at Harrods.

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Waist bow. Royal blue silk sash on evening dress with shoulder bows, £160 from all branches of Monsoon. Hair bow Royal blue pleated satin bow on comb £7.75 by Graham Smith at Kangol from Harrods hat department. Gift chair from Harrods.

Top right: Silver leather peep toe courts with silver and black asymmetric beaded bow, £180 by Andrea Pfister at Rayne, 57 Brompton Road, SW3; Harrods; Harvey Nichols. Lace tights from Fogal, 30 New Bond Street, W1.

Bottom right: Black suede court shoes with fuchsia satin bow and taping at back, £145 from selected branches of Russell & Bromley. Sheer tights from Grable, 27 Conduit Street.

Hair Bow. On a comb in black organza £8.50 by Graham Smith at Kangol from Harrods hat department. Shoulder bow.

On an asymmetric purple/black wool crepe dress with ties at wrist by Monica Chong, £130 from Simpson, Piccadilly, W1; Numbers, Welbeck Street, W1; The Clothes Shop, Weybridge; Jade, Kew Road, Surrey; Maidens, Chorley; Parkes, Oxford; Roy, Altrincham. Earrings by Adrian Mann.

Top left: Black shoes with red beaded bow £92, also silver, from Rayne, 15 Old Bond Street, W1; Bottom left: Black suede sling-backs with open toe, also lamé, £110 from Manolo Blahnik, 49-51 Old Church Street, SW3.



Social life with the socialists

The social life of socialist France is booming. On the hemline indicator of economic performance (down means depression) the Paris fashions should have caused a collapse on the Bourse. But while President Mitterrand's government tightened its economic belt and licked its local election wounds, the party machine was in full swing.

Paloma Picasso invited only 250 of her most intimate friends to the chic party she gave on Sunday at the Musée Jacquemart-André. What she spent on the candles (1,000 flares to greet the guests) she saved on her new perfume, which was the *raison d'être* of the party but nowhere in sight.

Next night, Dior took over Maxim's for the Battle of the Binodes. Svelte Parisian chanteuse Sylvie Vartan, dressed bullishly in Dior's scarlet matador's jacket and black trousers, spent the evening



Kenzo: fashion with fireworks

staring frigidly at Ursula Andress's cleavage, decorated (also by Dior) in scarlet and black sequins.

Ms Andress won the first round by sining next to Gérard Penneroux, the new ready-to-wear designer at Dior in whose honour the party was given.

Sylvie Vartan retaliated by commanding Marc Bohan, Dior's couture designer, as her dinner date.

A brilliantly illuminated Chateau Maisons-Lafitte played host for Japanese designer Kenzo on Wednesday night. Just in case a dozen candelabras with dripping beeswax candles, a red carpeted entrance walk flanked with flares and the TV light were not enough to brighten our evening, Kenzo finished his show with a twenty minute display of fireworks. These were viewed through the steaming windows of his transparent tent (proving that people

in glass houses should throw parties).

Inside the celebrated chateau, there were bushes of Japanese flowers (flown in from Tokyo), non stop videos (flown in from America), a fortune teller, a casino, a disco, a concert of classical music, three swiftly ravished buffets and many a magnum of champagne.

A rival attraction was staged by Italian photographer Toscani, whose helpmeet, dressed à la Fellini in a ring-master outfit of black tail coat, culled cult figures from the throng to be immortalized on camera. The chosen guests, including our own Steve Strange (in full make-up), our hat designer Stephen Jones (in a fez) and aristocratic model Ines de la Fressange (in Karl's new Chanel) rose to the photographic occasion by turning their appearances into an impromptu cabaret.

Also present at the little gathering, which went on until

ANTI-FREEZE

The autumn season is drawn in shades of black and grey and that means that accessories are the spots of colour. Coming through the grey haze is a deep cobalt blue and the inevitable bright red, with other primary shades looking strong against the quiet palette.

THE HOOD is the new winter warmer, fitting snugly round the face and often growing out of the neck of a sweater or pulled down into a cowl. The hood in its own right is the balacava (from Fenwick and Miss Selfridge) in the bright colours or quieter autumn harvest shades of grape and cran.

THE HAT of the season is the beret, set basque-style on a striped band or a leather trim to grip the crown. Kangol have come up with berets in colour (from major stores) but you cannot beat onion-seller navy blue. The beret replaces the military peaked cap, but the new wave have found the fez. Coloured cones from Stephen Jones, 34 Lexington Street, W1.

SCARVES are long and thin, designed to be wrapped twice round the neck or tied fifties-style as a headscarf/hood for extra warmth. Dogtooth checks in black and white look right, so do stripes and geometric squares. Doubly chic is the idea of wearing two scarves in clashing colours: purple with orange, red with fuchsia, turquoise and emerald.

MITTS or fingerless gloves are young fashion-conscious handwear. For more sophisticated looks there are long striped knitted gauntlets (from Fenwicks) or leather gloves with contrast cuffs, especially Nancy Fisher's two-tone black and white (Joanna's Tent, Kings Road).

WRIST warmers, or ankle and tummy versions in bands of ribbed knitting, are a stylish way to beat the chill for those who like thermal heat to show. The wide knitted sweatbands for wrists come from C and A. The body version in fuchsia, cobalt blue and black from Whistles (St Christopher's Place and branches.)

BELTS have moved back to the waist this winter, wide at front and back, curved narrower at the sides and newest in shiny black patent.

LEGS are on view again through plain sheer tights or are dressed up in fancy hose decorated in black lacy patterns or surfaces with shimmer and sheen (from Harrods hosiery or specialist West End shops like Grable and Fogal.)

SHOES are set on slender waisted heels, relatively low, except for high evenings. The newest heels are thickening up and the smartest styles are printed like python.

MAKE-UP is the other way to give colour to the blacks and greys of Autumn fashion. The clean lines of current clothes are echoed in sharply defined make-up used on a plain background face. For the first time for many seasons, the lips are as important as the mouth and much stronger colours used for nail polish.

HAIR is sleek and graphic with the asymmetric ideas in clothes sometimes echoed in the basic cut. The small head seems to be the shape of the season, which is just as well if we are to hide our crowning glory under a balacava hood.

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Getting the birdie

Now that he is photographed almost daily, I hope that Nigel Lawson has become more relaxed about facing the camera. Shortly before becoming a minister, he gave *Sunday Times* photographer Sally Soames a difficult time, insisting on seeing the prints before publication. Miss Soames told him that even Mrs Thatcher didn't make that kind of demand. Mr Lawson then insisted on seeing the contact from which a choice is made. Miss Soames said that in her entire career only one other person had asked her that. "Who was that?" asked the future Chancellor. "Zsa Zsa Gabor," said Miss Soames.

Off beam

Sixty Minutes, BBC TV's new early evening magazine programme, has gone electronic hardware on board to turn the world into a global village. One major purchase is a link vehicle to enable interviews to take place on location for instant transmission. Unfortunately, tall buildings get in the way of this amazing process and one of the few places where the vehicle performs well is the car park at Lime Grove.

Never on Sunday

One telephone call which Mrs Thatcher won't be answering when she is the guest on the *World Phone-In* on the BBC's World Service next Sunday is from Mr Earl Henry who lives on St Helena. Mr Henry would have liked to have placed a call but, on Sundays, there is no telephone service in or out of St Helena. Had there been, he would have asked the Prime Minister why St Helenians, who are British by culture, descent, tradition and language, don't have the right to become British citizens. He lives in hope of a telex. With just a few days to go before the programme, 47 questions from Johore Bahru, Quissac, Bangalore and points north, south, east and west are awaiting a prime ministerial reply. This is more than awaited previous guests David Attenborough, Yehudi Menuhin, Bobby Charlton and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Uncovered

"On a whirlwind trip to Paris to find John and decide between him and Oliver, she hears of an exciting archaeological find which would make a first-class best-seller as a book. Without consulting her firm etc. etc." So runs the blurb of *Juliet in Publishing*, disinterred this month from the "Twenty-seven Years Ago" column of the literary magazine *Books and Bookmen*. *B & B* wrote then that the identity of the author, "Elizabeth Churchill", was a mystery. Not any more. E. Churchill is the alias of Richard Hough, more recently famous as the author of *Edwina*, *Countess Mountbatten*. He thought up the pseudonym on the spur of the moment, as the book was going to press. A liberated spirit, even then, Hough granted his heroine, Juliet, both a brilliant career and a fiancé "who displays an interest in publishing and looks like giving up his farming".

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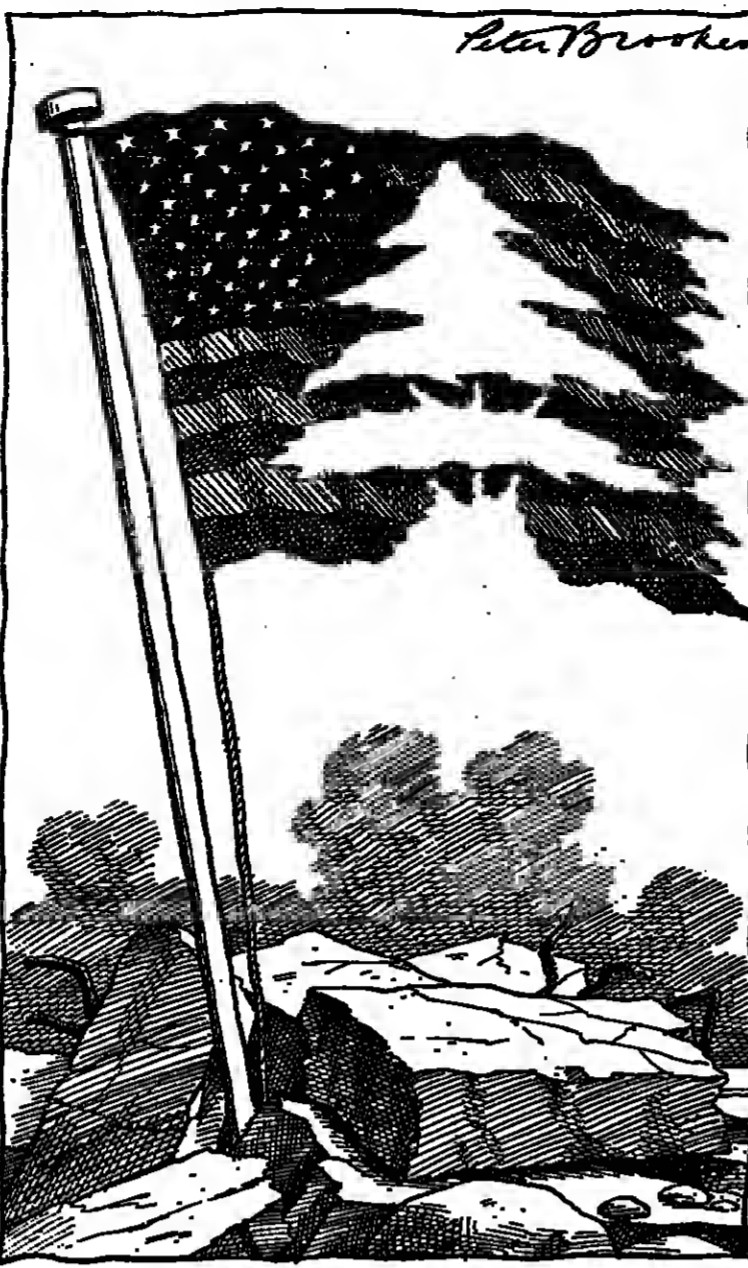
Unusually for a professional lobbyist, Roland Freeman, Tory politician turned Social Democrat, whose company is paid £7,500 by the GLC to press for its continued existence, is not speaking to the press. "You can't lobby properly if you are always making public pronouncements," he said yesterday. "We have made it a fairly strict rule that the politicians do the talking."

Clean sweep

Fired by this column's obvious partiality to mongoose stories, Dr Gerald Ware of the Department of Bacteriology, University of Bristol, is the latest to declare himself. Mongooses are expensive pets, he reminds me, not only because of the delight they take in uprooting house plants, but also because "no mongoose-proof bag clasp has yet been devised". His very own Mingle was keen on cigarettes, which she would ferret out uncaringly and destroy. But "perhaps her most memorable and expensive excursion was the day she climbed our chimney, crossed the roof tops and came down the chimney of a house several doors away appearing, covered in soot, during a dinner party. Not satisfied with having soiled the wits of the diners and dusted each one evenly with soot, she sampled their dinner and then returned home by the same route and demanded that I bath her at once". Mingle, Mingle's mate, was even worse, my correspondent adds. The mind boggles. PHS

Lebanon: no way out for Reagan

Beirut
When President Mitterrand arrived at the French ambassador's residence in Beirut yesterday he appeared untroubled, almost nonchalant. In stark contrast was the scene in the French compound 200 yards away. Three coffins were piled outside a dark green military tent. Every few seconds, a man wearing a mask would emerge from the tent. He would tear off the mask and breathe deeply before returning inside.



Even as the President of France was preparing to address his officers in the nineteenth century residence, his dead soldiers were being prepared for their last journey home scarcely a stone's throw away.

Closer concentration on the President's words nevertheless suggested that he was well aware of what the mass slaughter on Sunday really meant. He did not want to talk to journalists. He might make a statement, he said, when he returned to Paris. That was all. He made no declarations of continued French military support for Lebanon, no expressions of personal admiration for President Amin Gemayel who stood, nervous and red-faced, at his side. The Lebanese officials standing nearest to Mitterrand looked worried, and so they probably should be.

In Paris, French government officials have been making no false promises to the Gemayel regime these past 48 hours. French troops would remain in Beirut "for the present" was all Pierre Mauroy, the Premier, would say, and French diplomats in Beirut are now unwilling to discuss the future of their military mission. Not long ago President Reagan angered the French by declaring that Chad - in whose future the Americans had become much exercised - was in France's field of interest to protect. How easy might it be for President Mitterrand to announce with appropriate understanding that Lebanon was now Washington's problem.

The Lebanese government already understands this. A Lebanese army intelligence officer came up to me a few hours after the bombings that killed more than 300 American and French soldiers. He had already worked out the equation. "Will the Americans now stay?" he asked. "Do you think they will carry on?"

The French could leave without too much loss of face. The Italians might be able to stay on in some humanitarian capacity. The departure of the small British contingent might hardly be noticed. But the Americans are trapped. If they leave, none of the Middle Eastern nations whom President Reagan likes to describe as "Arab friends" will trust the United States. How can you place confidence in a superpower which cuts and runs when the going gets tough?

Yet the going is likely to get a lot tougher still and the US is likely to gain few political dividends by its continued presence. Little wonder then that the Syrians and PLO are able to gloat with such unctuous verbiage about America's second Vietnam. Just how the Americans can stay in Lebanon is now the subject of heated discussion in both Washington and Beirut. Yesterday morning, General Paul Kelley, Commander of the US Marine Corps, left Washington for Beirut, ostensibly to visit his men, but the Lebanese government suspects that he is in fact coming to discuss the feasibility of sending a US "security force" into Lebanon, a unit quite separate from the marine contingent, that would act in the

marines' defence, thus permitting the US to fulfil both a peacekeeping and, if necessary, an offensive role. It would also, of course, increase the US presence here. Even if the marine contingent remained at a ceiling of 1,600 men, it might need an equal number to defend them in the absence of other multinational force contingents. So how high could American military strength go? 3,000? 6,000? President Reagan has often said that he sees no reason why the numbers should grow. But that was before last Sunday. Without the multinational force, the Lebanese army could not hope to lure even the Lebanese capital. The military quagmire looks awesome. The political trap in

which the Americans now find themselves is equally disturbing. Having committed the US to the preservation of President Gemayel's regime, Mr Reagan has now lent his country's name to a reconciliation conference which - if it starts in Geneva in six days time - will discuss nothing less than the breaking of relations between Lebanon and America's ally, Israel.

If the conference is to succeed, then Lebanon will emerge a more Arab - or "Arabized" - country closer to Damascus than before and almost hostile to Israel. Syria believes that its protégés at the meeting - the triumvirate leadership of the so-called National Salvation Front, which includes the Druze leader Walid Jumblatt - will ensure that Israel loses every advantage it might have gained from its invasion of Lebanon last year.

Syria will have a representative at that conference, but the Americans suspect that Syria, along with Iran, played a role in Sunday's bombings. So can the US accept a conference result that does not suit its interests or which coincides with the interests of those whom the White House believes are America's enemies?

The administration in Washington talks of "retaliation" for the bombings. But against whom? Against Iran? Or against Syria, with its carpets of Soviet-made and - in some cases - Soviet-created missiles? Other alternatives are open to the US. With the presidential elections coming ever closer, it would do Mr Reagan no domestic harm to move politically nearer to Israel, to permit Israel - the Arabs would contend it was encouraging Israel - to attack Syria, although the Israelis are unlikely to have much enthusiasm for such a conflict unless their occupation of southern Lebanon becomes more painful. For its part, Syria is still prepared to walk the tightrope, with Moscow's assistance. When the battleship *New Jersey* arrived off Beirut, the Russians obligingly shipped SS-21 ground-to-ground missiles into Syria. If the Americans could shoot at the Syrians from a battleship, the Soviets were prepared to make sure that the Syrians could shoot at the battleship.

It might be well for Lebanon - and for the American marines there - if some kind of dialogue could begin between Washington and Moscow on the Middle East before events get further out of control. Given President Reagan's current thinking on East-West relations and the suspicions of Mr Andropov's geriatric leadership, Lebanon is likely to move further into chaos, helped along by the carnage of last Sunday's bombings.

Robert Fisk

Radio 4: a bracing dip or turn-off for the faithful?

Tampering with Radio 4 is one of the great British sins, falling somewhere between infanticide and the mistreatment of puppies. Naturally enough, it is a temptation to which no one will publicly confess, which makes the current state of affairs surrounding what was once the Home Service more than a little beguiling.

Last week's press conference about changes at 4, the first to be hosted by its new controller, David Hatch, did nothing to make matters clearer. Hatch, conscious of accusations that, because of his background - he was previously controller of Radio 2 and before that head of light entertainment - he wants a more downmarket 4, began the proceedings by announcing his devotion to the network's mix of programmes, drama, features, news and current affairs. And then he promptly disclosed details of a new morning experiment which, by its very nature, is seen by some hardline 4 devotees as the first trumpet blast of the approaching barbarian hordes.

The experiment goes on air each Thursday from 9am to noon for a trial six months starting next April, probably with the ubiquitous Richard Baker in the hot seat as presenter. Its heretical qualities will lie in its style rather than its content. Radio 4's rigid morning schedules will be discarded to make way for a seamless three hours, shaped by the day's events rather than the rigid divisions set out in the *Radio Times*. While elements of the present output, such as the morning news, will be retained, though probably in a modified fashion, the programme will be aimed at the casual listener instead of the hardline Radio 4 addict with the morning schedules pinned to the kitchen noticeboard. To anyone who is not hooked on Radio 4 it might seem a modest

innovation. But the idea that the Home Service is suddenly to be offered on a take-it-or-leave-it basis is anathema to the dyed-in-the-wool listener, reared on Reithian concepts, notably the idea that whatever goes out on 4 should be good enough to demand the effort of making an appointment to hear it. But how real a threat to the old style of 4 does the "rollercoaster" experiment pose? Hatch is adamant that the experiment is just that, and says that talk of extending it to every weekday morning if it works is jumping the gun. Yet few people within the network are under any illusions about where the future lies: if the seamless new morning show can pull in the extra listeners for which 4 is looking, its style will be applied to every weekday morning, giving the network a smooth and flexible path from the highly successful *Today* programme, on past 9am into the watershed area of the morning where the ratings are wilting.

The net result would be considerably less drastic than some of the plans to throw everything but current affairs and news off 4 which were first leaked last year. That has categorically been dropped, according to Richard Francis, the managing director of the whole of the BBC's radio whose document, *BBC Radio for the Nineties*, fuelled some of the fears. In conversation with the Society of Authors, Francis has now said: "The edifice of Radio 4 is to remain and there will be no sacrifice of it to purely journalistic gods." Yet the doubts remain, both within the BBC and outside. One senior Radio 4 figure, who declined to be identified, said: "Everyone expects more news because that's what Dick Francis knows about. We all kick the way in which we are heading, and that is higher ratings and a less easily identifiable Radio

4. Essentially we break down into those who hate the idea of any change whatsoever, those who think some change would be a good thing, and those who can't wait to do anything which will improve the figures. And there can be little doubt that in conventional terms, 4's audience needs some attention. The BBC never releases individual radio ratings, frequently even concealing them from the originators of the programmes involved. In part this stems from the corporation's fixation with its reliance on public money to pay for its output. If the public was aware how much went on catering for such minority audiences, the BBC could find itself open to charges of elitism, according to some of those keen to bring change to 4. Unusually, Francis revealed a handful of ratings when he spoke to the Society of Authors. *Sunday Night Theatre's* audience had fallen from 1.3 per cent of the population in 1968 to 0.4 per cent now. Over the same period, the audience for the evening edition of *The Archers* had declined from 2.8 per cent of the population to 0.6 per cent. *Afternoon Theatre*, with a fall from 1.5 per cent to 1.1 per cent, had put in an encouraging performance, but the overall message was clearly a depressing one.

The "rollercoaster" experiment has been prompted by the discovery that audience figures dip sharply during the mornings, largely, it is thought, because listeners want to be able to move in and out of programmes casually, without having to work out a fixed timetable. But are ratings important? The old school of BBC thought would have rejected the idea outright. Come social change, come breakfast television, it would have pressed for the right of at least one BBC network to be able to base its content on its

Brian Crozier Concessions as before

True believers are always disappointed by the performance of their political leaders once in office. The Soviet Union on the control of the charge has been made that British and American foreign policies have changed but little since the advent of conservative governments. What ever the truth of the charge in Britain and the United States, it can certainly be sustained in the Federal Republic, which labours under the anomaly that Chancellor Helmut Kohl has the same foreign minister, Dr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, as did Dr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, as did Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

It is rather as though Dr Owen (before his conversion) and Mr Cyrus Vance still presided over the Foreign Office and the State Department respectively. The Bavarian leader, Dr Franz Josef Strauss, had hoped to get the job, but without Genscher and his band of liberals (FDP), Kohl would lose his majority. Unfortunately for the western alliance, Genscher (unlike Owen) has not undergone repentance and conversion. If any doubt remained, it should have been dispelled by his predictably abortive 11 hours of talks with Mr Gromyko last week in Vienna.

The Soviet foreign minister is reported to have brusquely rejected all Dr Genscher's arguments urging reconsideration of President Reagan's latest proposals for a "build-down" of long-range nuclear weapons. My information is that the President made these proposals in the first place after having been repeatedly urged to do so by Genscher. More alarming than Gromyko's snub is that the two men agreed that the planning staffs of their foreign ministries should henceforth meet regularly to discuss disarmament in particular. Their first meeting will be held very soon. The arrangement is unfortunate in a technical sense because the Soviet foreign ministry (as I explained in *The Times* last February) does not formulate foreign policy anyway, but takes its instructions from the International Department of the Central Committee.

install the new American missiles if no progress had been made by the end of 1983 in negotiations with the Soviet Union on the control of intermediate-range missiles in Europe. But he is visibly the captive of his own phrase, frequently reiterated during the long years of Social Democratic rule: "There is no alternative to détente." Détente is dead, but Genscher has not noticed its demise. His new slogan is "continuity of foreign policy". Like Mitterrand, Genscher favours aid to Nicaragua, opposition to El Salvador and friendship for Swapo in Namibia. Unlike Mitterrand, he favours more Western concessions to the Soviets in the Geneva talks, presumably to avoid the need to deploy the new weapons. To be fair, France is not committed to deploying the Pershing IIs and the cruise missiles, which makes it easier for the French President to take a tough line.

One of the most unfortunate consequences of Kohl's decision to keep Genscher in his old job has been that Strauss, in his disappointment, has been driven to upstage his rival. His most spectacular, though not his only, move in this undeclared contest was his involvement in the billion-mark credit to East Berlin by a consortium of private banks. Although there was no formal government guarantee for the credit, it has been claimed that if East Berlin does not meet the interest payments (at about 6 per cent), the West Germans will be able to put pressure on the defaulters by cutting payments to East Germany under existing treaty arrangements. This is an unconscionable claim, and it is hard to see the credit as anything other than a demagogic ploy by Strauss that he is not necessarily the ultimate hardliner he is usually held to be, and can be flexible on occasion; and above all, that he is better fitted to run West Germany's foreign policy than the present incumbent.

In the last resort, this kind of exercise is inevitably damaging in that it amounts to a contest to discover which of the two men is the better at making concessions to the East. It is a contest which, in the nature of things, Genscher is the more likely to win. Only Helmut Kohl can end it on terms favourable to the alliance by exerting the kind of leadership in foreign affairs which as yet he has so clearly been reluctant to do.

Roger Scruton

Keeping in tune with tradition

Left-wing historians wax emotional over the "class solidarity" which grew from the miseries of the Industrial Revolution, and which - according to their version of events - was the principal impulse behind the Labour movement. I should like to pay tribute to another kind of solidarity which also has its origins in the Industrial Revolution, but which has proved more durable - the solidarity of the brass band.

The brass band movement is as old as the Labour movement and indeed, at the outset, hardly distinguishable from it. The *Besses o' th' Barn Band*, for example, was already active in 1821 and acquired its present fame after 1880, when the great Alexander Owen came to it from the equally old and equally famous Black Dyke Mills.

Most of the bands originated in works and collieries, and the instruments were purchased with money contributed by the players themselves. They have remained associations of musical amateurs, with all the catholicity of taste and variety of achievement that that implies. But they are also more than associations, for they have gathered to themselves an extraordinary social ambience which is unmistakably British in its subdued pageantry and phlegmatic togetherness, and at the same time no mere rally of like-minded eccentrics.

The brass band movement, like the Labour Movement, has been associated with non-conformist religion (and with the Salvation Army in particular); with temperance, self-help and trade union rights. It bears the unmistakable imprint of the industrial proletariat. Unlike the Labour movement, however, it has not made a fetish of its origins and so has experienced no difficulty in transcending them. It endures as a remarkable institution of popular culture, recruiting its members from every trade and every social class. The Black Dyke Mills band numbers among its players a joiner, a teacher, several students, an engineer, a store manager, a wool buyer, an organ builder and tuner, a telecommunications engineer, a school caretaker, an export manager for a firm of sanitary goods, a carpet warehouse owner and a retired director of a manufacturing company. That mixture is by no means untypical.

The aesthete will look down upon such fertile forms of association, and upon the musical culture which they generate. For it is a culture wholly without "authenticity", a culture of transcriptions, medleys and arrangements, much of it based on hymn tunes, marches and popular song. It draws upon the common fund of musical, religious and moral experience, from which non-conformist religion shaped the social order of the industrial towns. How could such a congeries of old-fashioned and decent measures up to the exacting standards of high art?

It is true that the bandstand is frequently worn, and seldom very subtle. But it is worth noting that the brass band movement has done more to spread the works of

high art than has ever been done by the cavillings of aesthetes. Take Alexander Owen. When leader of the Besses o' th' Barn he arranged some of the most advanced music of his time for the benefit of the Labour movement. I should like to pay tribute to another kind of solidarity which also has its origins in the Industrial Revolution, but which has proved more durable - the solidarity of the brass band.

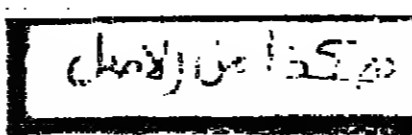
It is certain that names like Derek Bourgeois, Gilbert Vinter and Eric Ball will achieve an honourable and lasting place in our musical history. Ball, who celebrates his eightieth birthday this month, is a fine example of the tradition which he sustains: a Salvation Army man, motivated by sincere and cheerful religious emotion, and with an ear nurtured on the works of Elgar and Parry, who has poured a public spirit of Athenian proportions into the "populist" vessels of the movement and enriched it with music which, for its feeling and craftsmanship, deserves a place in the classical tradition from which it descends.

The historian of the Labour movement would do well to attend the National Brass Band Festival, which takes place annually at the Royal Albert Hall in London, about the same time as the Labour Party conference. The audience, brought in coachloads from the towns and valleys of industrial England, is bound by a consuming common interest. The object of this interest is not material - but cultural. It is also competitive - competitions having been an essential part of the movement from its beginnings.

This element of rivalry both unifies the crowd and lends tone and gravity to the impresario who addresses it. The event transcends all narrow class identity, to make contact with a tradition of worship and song which aims to be the common property of mankind. And the whole occasion is imbued with a quiet, serious patriotism, a conscious sense of national identity, which finds culminating expression when the audience finally rises to sing the hymn which conveys the meaning of their movement - Parry's setting of "Jerusalem".

The lessons for the Labour historian are many. Socialist orthodoxy to the contrary, solidarity is not impeded but fostered by competition. It is a feeling, not of class, but of history. It grows not from shared material circumstances, but from a common culture. It expresses itself, not in the sentimental worship of a vanished era, but in a loyal and sober attachment to the country and its institutions. How far this is from that hysterical affirmation of class solidarity which, at every Labour Party conference, throws up its horridly bridled cries for unity, and then peters out in a rendering of *Auld Lang Syne*.

Trevor Fishlock





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HOLDING THE LINE

Some decisions had to be taken quickly, such as the... of a new company of U.S. Marines from North Carolina...

back on. There is an urgent need to clarify objectives in Lebanon, and to reassess the means required to achieve them.

One suggestion currently canvassed is that the multinational force should be withdrawn and replaced by a United Nations force...

The immediate task is to hold the line. But while the military men are doing that, the political leaders have to define more clearly what the line is...

favour and not wishing it to be checked.

A UN peacekeeping operation can function only when both sides are willing to stabilize the front. It works by stationing lightly armed units between opposing forces...

The multinational force, and particularly its American component, has undertaken a role going far beyond that, making its own firepower (especially that of the supporting ships offshore) a crucial element in the military balance.

Cost no object in Farmer and tenant system in decline

From Professor J. Stewart Cameron

Sir, Your leader (October 19) takes me to task for drawing attention to the 2,000 people dying unnecessarily in the United Kingdom each year from renal failure...

The administrative response to these data has been in every other developed nation a provision for renal failure which makes treatment available to all those who need and can benefit from it.

Only after a decade of frustration, during which no expansion of services has taken place, has our anger finally exploded.

You suggest that the "queue" for treatment for renal failure is little different in kind from those for a prostate operation or hip replacement.

It is well known that our per capita gross national product is only 15 per cent greater than that of any other developed country.

Rather than complaining of cutting costs, we should be seeking to increase our expenditure on health by 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent of GNP.

Finally, the action I have suggested draw attention to this tragedy is not illegal, despite statements to the contrary.

We must hope that the Secretary of State's response to the All-Party Disablement Group, when they meet to discuss this issue on November 1, will be a positive one.

I am, Sir, J. STEWART CAMERON, Guy's Hospital Medical School, Clinical Science Laboratories, Guy's Tower, St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, London Bridge, SE1, October 20.

From Mr Henry Fell and others

Sir, The agricultural landlord and tenant system which has, for the past 150 years and more, been considered to be an essential element in efficient farm and estate management...

The effect on the countryside and the rural infrastructure of successive amalgamations and the subsequent disappearance of family farming is very serious...

There is also now a rapid growth in farming arrangements - partnerships, contract or share farming - arranged on a very short-term basis...

We believe that unless confidence in the letting of farms can be restored, such arrangements will proliferate over the next decade...

We welcome the Government's announcement that it will promote legislation in the present parliamentary session to "increase the number of farming tenancies".

Landowners and tenants alike have waited a long time for this opportunity to restore practical logic to agricultural holdings legislation.

We should hope that the obsolete British Magnox design will not be a co-terminus, as Argentina has earlier discovered, this reactor type can be operated to produce military plutonium...

Shortly stated, the combination of irresponsible nuclear salesmanship and national ambitions will ever undermine attempts to prevent proliferation and the proof is now all over the globe.

India, the host country for the World Energy Conference, sensibly pursues a "no nukes and no solar" course for its main energy needs...

No doubt she and other energy-hungry countries would welcome assistance from our non-nuclear power industries, if they are not driven into extinction.

Yours faithfully, J. L. DEARNLEY, Garden Cottage, Smeetham Hall Lane, Bulmer, Sudbury, Suffolk, October 12.

From Ms Renée Chudleigh and Mr William Cannell

Sir, Professor Iao Fells (October 11) argued that the British Government should actively back the export of Magnox reactors to Third World countries...

The nuclear industry is a dead duck if it is forced to rely on domestic orders. Declining electricity demand in the West has brought that industry to its knees...

Yours faithfully, RENÉE CHUDLEIGH, WILLIAM CANNELL, Friends of the Earth, 371 City Road, EC1, October 12.

False economy on housekeeping

From Mr J. F. Q. Switzer

Sir, The Chairman of the Housing Working Party of the Royal Town Planning Institute has drawn attention (October 20) to the deteriorating housing stock of this country...

That is not the end of the matter, however, because the quality of building in the present century has progressively declined; successive generations of houses will have shorter lives and will all therefore tend to expire together...

The crisis is not limited to houses. The Times Educational Supplement on September 30 carried a detailed report on the deterioration of school buildings and significantly made the point that routine maintenance of older buildings was being neglected...

It has often been said that there are no votes in sewers. Equally a study of the economics of sewers does not attract much academic glory. As a nation we have been able to adopt these attitudes because our Victorian Edwardian forebears built so solidly...

Yours faithfully, HENRY F. FELL, H. ANDERSON, WELLINGTON, PEART OF WORKINGTON, GERAINT HOWLENS, ROBERT MACLENNAN, NIGEL H. CLUTTON, C. R. FERENS, R. B. WHITFIELD, RICHARD STOREY, Worbly House, Worbly, Brigg, South Humberside.

Yours faithfully, J. F. Q. SWITZER, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, October 21.

Gibraltar shipping

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Seamen

Sir, Much of what Gibraltar's Minister for Economic Development and Trade writes (October 13) about the colony's small but growing merchant shipping fleet may be true, but it is not the whole truth.

Ships are being transferred from the traditional maritime countries of northern Europe to Gibraltar for precisely the same reasons why shipowners register vessels in the two most notorious flag of convenience bastions, Liberia and Panama.

Yours faithfully, RENE CHUDLEIGH, WILLIAM CANNELL, Friends of the Earth, 371 City Road, EC1, October 12.

My guests are fed on real cheddar (the finest cheese in the world), our other great traditional, and a wonderful range of new British cheeses...

With the backing of Mrs Elizabeth David, Mr Derek Cooper, Dr J. G. Davis, and three great London cheese-factors, I have appealed to the Ministry of Agriculture to give encouragement to these important products...

Yours faithfully, PATRICK RANCE, Jessamine Cottage, Sreatley, Reading, Berkshire, October 18.

In addition, the early independence Government consisted of a positive-minded and forward looking collective leadership which only talked about development but was also able to guide the process...

Yours faithfully, OSCAR S. KAMBONA, 70 Perinet House, Tabard Street, SE1.

The peacekeeper

From Sir Peter Blaker, MP for Blackpool South (Conservative)

Sir, In his eagerness to berate Leafe Kirkpatrick, Sir John Whitmore (October 21) has himself fallen victim to the perverse use of language he so deplorably uses in his own articles.

Yours faithfully, PETER BLAKER, (Vice-Chairman, Peace Through Nato), 30a St James's Square, SW1, October 21.

This above all

From Mr J. Haworth

Sir, The chair library register of Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, had an entry: "God is gone up" - top shelf, right.

Yours truly, J. HAWORTH, 2 Grosvenor Road, Chelsea, W4, October 18.

MUTUAL CONFIDENCE BUILDING

Today's meeting in Helsinki once again brings together representatives of the thirty-five states of East and West that signed that Helsinki Final Act in 1975.

Like the Helsinki agreement, the original impulse came from the Soviet Union but was then transmuted by negotiation into a diplomatic gain for the West.

There was also provision for voluntary notification of smaller manoeuvres and military movements and for inviting observers to manoeuvres of any size.

As a result, there can be some hope that the Stockholm conference will get down to serious discussions on extending the confidence-building measures originally agreed at Helsinki in 1975.

There is not easy to do and an ideological whittawh as proposed by Terence Miller, whether conducted by HMIs, principals, vice-chancellors, or Secretaries of State, will make it more difficult.

Yours faithfully, PAUL HURST, University of London Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, WC1, October 14.

Greenham Common

From the Chairman of Newbury District Council

Sir, The media have given considerable publicity to the activities of the so-called Peace Women of Greenham Common since they set up their illegal encampment.

On the other hand the district council has been cast in a less favourable light as a leading agent in the persecution of these supposedly defenceless women.

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at those there were complaints from Western observers about excessive restrictions and the issue of unusable binoculars.

However, none of this invalidated the attempt to extend confidence-building measures. The Helsinki measures were a tentative beginning.

Obviously none of these measures can prevent war. As Colonel Alford has pointed out in an IISS study, "the measures will work only if both sides want them to work and believe that the measures will enhance their own security".

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Yours faithfully, MARIAN SUGDEN, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, October 17.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 24: The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President, this morning at Windsor Castle...

Mrs George West, Major David Bromhead and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 24: The Duke of Gloucester visited Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, Twickenham...

YORK HOUSE
October 24: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, today attended the Age Concern Village Years Celebration Lunch...

Princess Anne has agreed to become Patron of the British School of Osteopathy.

The Hon Mrs Richard Bradshaw gave birth to a son in Berkeley, California, on October 5.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Anthony Newton will be held at the Church of All Souls, Langham Place, W.1 on Wednesday November 23 at 12.30.

A memorial service for Mr. H. Elliott-Blake will be held at noon today at St Simon Zevelot, Cadogan Square.

A memorial to Charles Oman, scholar and authority on English silver, will be dedicated on Wednesday, November 9, 1983 during a service of thanksgiving in the Crypt, Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. M. Little and Miss M. C. McBain
The engagement is announced between Simon Mark, younger son of Captain and Mrs C. M. Little, of Queen Camel, Somerset, and Marie Chantal, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George McBain, of Wroon Bassett, Wiltshire.

Mr P. M. W. Ramsay and Miss F. G. J. Stoddart
The engagement is announced between Patrick, second son of Colonel George Maule Ramsay, and Mrs J. R. Andrew, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Thorntown, of Standed House, Standed, Essex, and the Hon Diana Broughton, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Fairhaven, of Anglesey Abbey, Cambridge. The Rev J. N. Thomas and the Very Rev S. J. A. Evans officiate.

Mr R. L. White and Miss S. E. Henning
Mr Roy L. White, Mr Elizabeth S. E. Henning were married privately in South Yorkshire on Monday, October 24 1983.

Marriages

Mr G. D. Thornton and the Hon Diana Broughton
The marriage took place in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, yesterday of Mr G. D. Thornton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B. M. Thornton, of Standed House, Standed, Essex, and the Hon Diana Broughton, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Fairhaven, of Anglesey Abbey, Cambridge. The Rev J. N. Thomas and the Very Rev S. J. A. Evans officiate.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

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Science report

Child's brainwaves can give danger warning

The brain waves of babies born very prematurely can be a sensitive indicator of their neurological health as children, according to research at Stanford University, California.

Although the electroencephalogram or EEG has been used for 40 years in chart activity in adult brains, Barry Tharp and Robert Clancy, neurologists at Stanford, are among the first to recognize its diagnostic value in premature infants.

Of all the tests performed on the babies during their first weeks of life, only the EEG proved to be an accurate predictor of their future development. Nine of the 12 infants

Export of miniature and porcelain delayed

Kings and queen must stay in Britain

Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, is attempting to save two kings and one queen for the nation. He has withheld for two months an export licence on a portrait miniature of King Henry VIII and for three months a licence on a pair of Sevres porcelain busts of Louis XVI of France and his queen, Marie-Antoinette.



Forty years on: A Thai gardener tending the grave of a British soldier in the Kanchanaburi cemetery, where 5,000 Allied prisoners of war are buried. Many of them died building the Burma-Siam railway, known as the "Death Railway", which opened 40 years ago today. (Photograph: John Jones).

Royal Society research fellowships

The Royal Society has awarded research fellowships under the European Science Exchange Programme, to the following:

Luncheons

H M Government
Mr John MacGregor, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was host at a luncheon given at 1 Carlton Gardens, yesterday in honour of Herr H. Rohr, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Federal Republic of Germany.

Dinners

Peale Zisa
Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chairman of the Patrons of Peale Zion, the Labour Zionist Movement, was host at a dinner held on Thursday in honour of Mr Michael Foot, MP, to mark his retirement as leader of the Labour Party.

Plasterers' Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriff and their ladies, were present at the annual livery and ladies' dinner given by the Plasterers' Company in Plasterers' Hall last night.

Memorial service

Miss Edith Coates
A memorial service for Miss Edith Coates was held at the church of the Holy Sepulchre without Newgate (yesterday). The Rev Arthur Brown officiated. Sir John Tooley General Director of the Royal Opera House, read the lesson. Mr Dennis Arundell gave an address and Miss Constance Shacklock led the prayers.

Reception

H M Government
Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology, was host at a reception held at 1 Carlton Gardens, yesterday in honour of Senor Haroldo Correa de Matta, Brazilian Minister of Communications.

Latest wills

Gifts for university from £2m estate
Barbara, Lady Welby, the widow of Sir Oliver Welby, who died in May, left estate valued at £2,077,163 gross. £2,033,703 net.

Fulbright Address

Dr David Owen, MP, will give the second annual Fulbright Address to members of the British Fulbright Scholars Association and their guests this evening at 7 at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore.

Royal Naval entrants at Dartmouth

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OBITUARY

PROFESSOR G. V. RAYNOR Development of alloys

Professor Geoffrey Vincent Raynor, FRSE, Emeritus Professor of Physical Metallurgy in the University of Birmingham and formerly Deputy Principal there died on October 20 shortly after his 70th birthday.

MR ROBERT SWEENEY

Mr Robert Sweeney, DFC, who died in London on October 21 aged 72 was a cosmopolitan golfer of the highest class who showed himself to be a firm friend of this country.

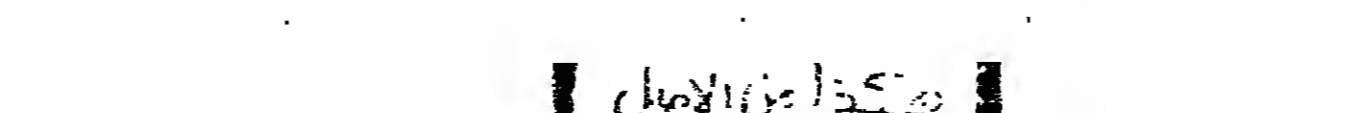
MR MICHAEL C. SEDGWICK

Michael C. Sedgwick, who died at Midhurst, Sussex, on October 14, at the age of 57, was a world renowned authority on the history of the motor car and had major works published in several languages.

MISS MARJORIE GORDON

Miss Marjorie Gordon, the actress, who died on October 14 aged 89, was popular on the London stage towards the end of the First World War and especially during the 1920s.

INCURABLE? - Yes. UNHAPPY? - No. The British Home and Hospital for incurable specialists in looking after all men and women suffering from progressive paralytic diseases. They need very special care and attention.



SPECTRUM

Poet, novelist, critic, journalist, broadcaster - Philip Oakes was not, however, born to sing the blues. His only attempt ended in failure, with the consolation that his successor in Mick Mulligan's Magnolia Jazz Band was one George Melly. In the second of three extracts from the forthcoming final volume of his autobiographical trilogy, he describes the passions, the pathsos and the personalities of the London jazz scene as he knew and savoured it in 1951.

The good time gang

I lay on the floor of the bedroom in Chelsea and listened to George Melly snoring. It was six in the morning and no one else was awake. George had the best bed because it was George's room. Two other bodies were clamped together on the cot next to it.

The rest of us, curled on mattresses and huddled beneath overcoats, were there because it had been late when we left the London Jazz Club (the band had played a dozen choruses of "Get Out of Here" before the basement emptied) and later still when we straggled from the cafe opposite the Windmill Theatre. The last tube had long gone and there was a grille-like porcellinis barring the entrance to Piccadilly Underground.

Earlier that year George had arrived from Liverpool wearing a tight blue suit, his face blotched with gentian violet. He had impetigo, he explained, but he thought the colour of the ointment quite flattering. He also suffered from a barber's rash which glowed hotly above the collar of his shirt. His hair had been cropped at the back so that a plume of oily bristles stood up from the crown of his head and his lips were wet, red and negroid.

George was an anarchist and a surrealist. He was also, he let it be known, a homosexual although he showed more than a passing interest in women. He had a job as the assistant curator of an art gallery where he gave readings from the works of Kurt Schwitters, ending each poem with the prescribed smashing of wine glasses.

On two or three evenings a week he sang with Mick Mulligan's Magnolia Jazz Band, shouting traditional blues into a biscuit tin (perfect, he said, for amplification) and spent much of his free time listening to the records of Bessie Smith, whose angry bellow we all fervently admired. It was not only that she was Empress of the Blues. She was also black, and consequently oppressed, which made her the perfect icon for our group.

We longed for revolution, although what form it should take we did not

know. The London Jazz Club had an anarchist bookstall where the best-selling pamphlet was Henry Miller's *Murder the Murderer*. I still owned the Olympia Press edition of *Tropic of Cancer*, the first dirty book I had encountered which could pass as literature. And we suffered Miller's polemics in the hope that somehow sex had been smuggled into his sermon.

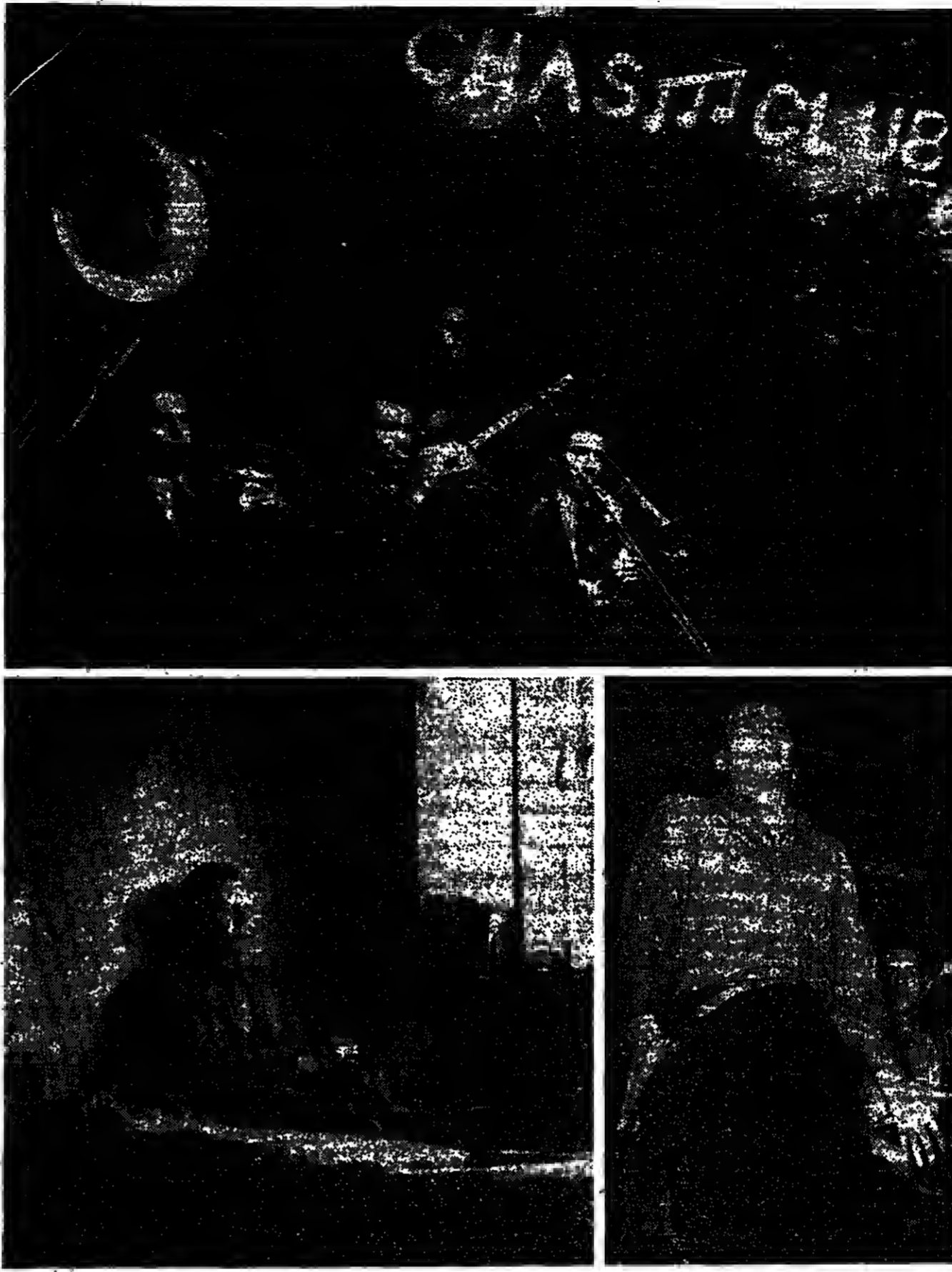
We were disappointed. There was better value, said George, in *The Lay of Maldoror*, a prose poem by the Comte de Lautréamont. But although we listened respectfully while he recited his favourite passages, it was hard to share his enthusiasm.

It was easier to respond to the pictures he praised. They were not only great art, he told us, but good investments. Few of us had the money to act on his advice. But he persuaded Mick Mulligan, richer than most of us in his capacity as the director of a wine and spirits firm, to buy a Max Ernst portfolio.

It was not entirely what Mick had expected. To him "art" was a word with sexual connotations. It meant horny painters, willing models and a generally licentious view of the world. Judged by these standards, Max Ernst did not come up to scratch. "Thanks very much, cock", he said as George showed him the plates which made up *Histoire Naturelle*, "but there's not much tit, is there?"

George's own collection was more comprehensive. When his grandmother died, leaving him several thousand pounds, he spent the lot on pictures. He too acquired a Max Ernst folio, but in his Chelsea digs pride of place was given to two paintings by René Magritte. They hung on the wall facing his bed and, lying among the jumble of bodies that morning in the pale light I felt, not for the first time, that I was inside an envelope, air-mailed from some exotic land and the pictures surrounding me were the stamps.

Because I lived with Bob I travelled with him in Mulligan's car. It meant free transport, but it was an uneasy arrangement. Strictly speaking only girls and musicians were entitled to seats in the car and I constantly felt obliged to do something which would justify my taking up the space. Heading for Perivale one evening Mick wondered aloud whether the band



Top: The Mick Mulligan Band at Club, south London, in the early 1950s. Left to right, Owen Maddox, tuba; Harry Falkner, clarinet; Mick Mulligan, trumpet; John Lavender, sax; Harry Brown, trombone - plus an unknown drummer. Above left: Oakes, a 1950s flashback and right, the young George Melly

should take on a singer and I rose to the bait.

"How about me?" I said.

Bob looked appalled and Mulligan glanced over his shoulder. "Didn't know you could sing, cock."

"I've done a bit", I said. For slightly less than six months I had been a solo treble in the school choir and subsequently I had sung in one or two army camp shows.

"You can try a couple of songs tonight", said Mick.

My nerve held out until the band was halfway through its first set.

Mick beckoned me on to the bandstand. "All right, cock?" he asked.

"All right."

We were on a higher level than I had imagined. The upturned faces on the

dance floor were like mirrors - reflecting not images but light. Without meaning to I began to count them until I heard Mick stamp his foot three times and the band led into the sweet, sauntering blues whose words, I suddenly realized, had gone from my mind.

They returned just as unexpectedly and leaning back with my eyes closed - an affectation which exuded me from looking at my audience - I sang about

lost love in another time and place. Opening my eyes for the final chorus I saw that a small circle of girls had gathered at my feet. They swayed in time to the music, dancing on the spot and jiggling gently beneath their loose sweaters.

"Were they fans? I wondered. Would they want to touch me? Would I be able to take my pick of the bunch as Mulligan did? The song ended. They clapped perfunctorily and later on when I sang "Bill Bailey" Mick tore straight into the next number without allowing time for any applause.

My feelings were ruffled if not exactly hurt, but I said nothing until we were driving home, when I asked Mick how he thought I had done. "Not bad, cock", he said. "But it's not really your sort of thing."

"Why not?"

"Well, it's not the Hammersmith Palace, is it?"

"I don't know what you mean."

Mick spotted the blue light of a police car ahead and reduced his speed. "Style", he said. "The voice is all right. But it's not authentic."

I understood what he meant when George Melly turned up for a band rehearsal the following week. In the suburban litter of Mulligan's sitting room he recreated the New Orleans of 40 years before. Strutting on the Axminster, cigarette fuming between his fingers, he became the pimp, the gambler, the sporting-house man. I studied his gentian-smudged face and the tight arse - his trousers and wondered how a son of Liverpool, educated at Stowe, could sound so black.

"It's simply how you feel", he said.

"Really?" I asked. I learnt later that George listened to Bessie Smith records as intently as I listened to Sinatra, mimicking each breath, each angry growl. But he reproduced more than the sound. Each song became a dramatic recitation, a mime, a piece of theatre which he refined or embellished as he went along.

One night the Magnolias were playing at a club in Cranley, the stronghold of a group of traditionalists who believed that only music made before electrical recordings was the genuine article.

When George came on to sing the Cranley crowd began a slow handclap. The Mulligan supporters sauntered across the floor trying to look menacing, and I wondered if I was going to be called on to demonstrate my loyalty. I hoped not. Jazz enthusiasts were, by nature, both liberal and lenient and I had only occasionally seen blood flow. But the Cranley barracking went on and on and although George seemed unworried I could see that Mick's patience was wearing thin.

The leader of the Cranley pack advanced to the stage and clapped his hands under the bell of Mick's trumpet.

I half rose from my seat, but Jenny pulled me back. George stepped in front of the microphone and, stooping forward like a child presenting a bouquet, planted a kiss on the Cranley leader's forehead.

Abridged from *At the Jazz Band Ball: A Memory of the 1950s by Philip Oakes*, published on November 17 by Andre Deutsch, price £8.95. The earlier volumes of the Oakes trilogy were *From Middle England and Dwellers All in Time and Space*, are republished by Penguin in a single volume on the same date, price £3.95.

moreover... Miles Kington

The blues is feeling off colour

New Orleans may be the birthplace of jazz, but there are other, younger, kinds of music to which it has given birth. There is a kind of rhythm 'n' blues which came out of this city in the 1950s and 1960s, lighter and more piano dominated than

northern varieties, that commands as devoted adherents as New Orleans jazz ever did. The most famous practitioner is Fats Domino, but there are others, less worldwide, local stars such as the late Professor Longhair and a current hero, pianist James Booker, who managed to be spectacularly ill during a recent concert without losing any sound. When you tell the cognoscenti that you are off to New Orleans, it isn't the jazz they tell you to keep an eye on, it's the rhythm 'n' blues scene.

All, however, is not well. Fats Domino is virtually an exile from his own city. He touches base about once a year for a reunion concert with the faithful and spends the rest of the time more profitably on the road. And audiences at club performances by lesser men are not what they should or ever used to be; club owners now complain that there are very few groups who can fill a place even at weekends and that they have to hire two or even three groups on one evening to guarantee a sellout.

Two of the city's most popular nightspots closed recently with financial problems; they put the blame in varying proportions on cable TV, lack of exposure on unadventurous local radio, new rock discos, the tendency of bands to price themselves out of the market and even on crime in the streets.

One of the top remaining spots is a bar called Tipitina's, a sweaty echoing kind of place with minimal decor, a kind of rock and roll version of the 100 Club in Oxford Street, and when I went there to see the Radiators, a very good local rock and roll band, the audience certainly didn't seem big enough to cover any kind of outlay and the band played correspondingly loud to fill the empty spaces. Only one or two bands, like the locally famous Neville Brothers, can be relied upon to get the place really full and steaming.

The biggest crowd I saw for any musical event here was a full turnout in the huge Saenger Theatre for a blues evening featuring Bobby Bland, B. B. King and Willie Jackson. Among the several thousand people I saw only about a dozen white faces; this was the black community turning out to greet its heroes, yet it seemed to be a case of

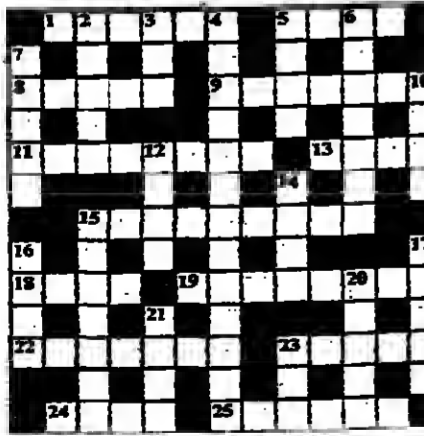
celebrating past achievements more than anything new. B. B. King played no gang well enough, but both he and Bland, whose name is extremely apt, looked like two middle-aged sprawling gentlemen going through their past bits. There was much more clapping at the start of numbers than at the end. Millie Jackson, much younger, seemed intent mainly on proving that a woman can talk as dirty as a man, which seemed to go down well with most present except my neighbour, who shouted unavailingly: "Wash your mouth out, girl!"

The only local radio station which can be relied upon to present a full range of adventurous music is WWOZ, which the other night claimed to have heard an excellent evening of Ethiopian reggae at Tipitina's. A pity there were so few people there, it said. And it may be that there are just too many kinds of music in this still very musical town to win all the audiences needed for survival. There is every kind of jazz, blues, rock and roll, country music and reggae, which is known better in New Orleans than most parts of the USA.

One kind of music that seems on the increase is Cajun. This simple but attractive music, sung in French patois and dominated by violins and accordions, is creeping into the cities from the bayous, and sounds far better in the flesh than its repetitive image on record might suggest. Clifton Hebler, a black star of the music, filled Tipitina's last Saturday. On Thursday I heard Boure, a group named after a favourite Cajun card game, and the Maple Leaf, where they created a wonderful evening of hooping and dancing.

The impressive thing was that the band, apart from one grizzled fiddler, was very young, and that the equally young crowd were dancing correct steps - a kind of five mixed with country two-step. Musically it can hardly be called a step forward, but it is hard not to be carried away by the stomping country rhythm and the lifting waltzes, not to mention the refreshing lack of dobebe. The other day I even heard a Cajun version of "When the Saints Come Marching In". It was the first time in 20 years I had found myself enjoying this hammy old tune.

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In search of a 'techno-hero'

By Kenneth Owen

"Machines that think are good business" says Edward Feigenbaum, Professor of Computer Science at Stanford University in California's Silicon Valley. "And they're going to be big business in the late 20th Century and the early 21st Century."

As head of Stanford's Heuristic Programming Project Ed Feigenbaum has built up what is arguably the world's Number One team in the branch of artificial intelligence (AI) known as expert systems — computer programs containing knowledge and reasoning abilities which enable computers to explore selected problems in a human-like way.

The Japanese have realised the significance of such systems in their ambitious ten-year programme to develop so-called "fifth-generation" computer systems. But the United States as a nation has not, he argues, and the British Government's Alvey programme of advanced information technology (a direct response to the Japanese plan) faces major problems.

Professor Feigenbaum praises the innovative contribution that British scientists have made to artificial intelligence. But, he says, the British have an alarming propensity to "shoot themselves in the foot". The most crippling example of this was the damning report on AI made to the Science Research Council by Sir James Lighthill in 1973.

Now Ed Feigenbaum finds, to his amazement, that the spirit of Lighthill is still alive in Britain. Artificial intelligence is still not accepted as a respectable subject by influential members of the academic and industrial establishment.

The second problem facing Britain in attempting to promote the Alvey proposals for research in artificial intelligence (or "intelligent knowledge-based systems", the Alvey euphemism) is that of "critical mass". There is a "severe shortage of talent, and that talent is spread among many small groups."

Britain would be wise to concentrate its AI resources in a single centre, Feigenbaum argues. This concentrated effort should be led by a young and charismatic "technology hero" as seen from Stanford, needs a fresh approach, a concentration of resources, an heroic leader — and preferably a pair of bulletproof shoes to prevent the British shooting themselves in the foot again. Pressure to abandon longer-term research in favour of solving short-term

Ed Feigenbaum - advice to the British

product problems is a danger that is already evident.

Feigenbaum's heuristic programming team at Stanford have two key achievements to their credit. First, they demonstrated convincingly that artificial intelligence was useful through an impressive series of practical knowledge-based systems that worked, the team won credibility for the subject.

Second, they achieved a radical change of direction in AI research away from attempts to devise completely general systems in favour of highly specialised, knowledge-intensive ones. Feigenbaum's people were intellectual pariahs when they signalled that direction in the mid-1960s; a decade later, their ideas had become accepted wisdom.

Ed Feigenbaum's science has the essence of engineering. "We really wanted to make smart machines," he enthuses. "We eschewed fancy problem-solving methods."

"We thought of problem areas as hard walls against which to throw our ideas. So we chose very hard problems, because you have to see how the ideas break; you can't throw ideas against a pillow. We sought complexity, not simplicity, so that the faults in our ideas could be identified."

His message is clear. The effort to build intelligent, knowledge-based systems is the most difficult endeavour ever undertaken by computer scientists and engineers. The Japanese plan reflects a vision that is achievable, clearly articulated, and based on strong economic motivation.

That is in sharp contrast to the British plan, which is sketchy and will unfold gradually; and to the American plan, which is non-existent. The United States has no clearly articulated national vision, no "State of the Union" address for information technology.

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Push-button introduction to the electronic university

The first silicon-chip college

THE WEEK Clive Cookson

American college level (though not the standard of Britain's more specialised university courses).

This aspect of TeleLearning is no different from the educational software sold by scores of publishers on both sides of the Atlantic.

The communications technology, however, is new to the world of education. TeleLearning claims to have simplified the procedure so much that students need only push one button on their keyboard to be connected via the telephone system to the personal computer of the (human) instructor, anywhere in the country.

The Electronic University package, consisting of communications software and hardware (the modem), costs between \$130 and \$230, depending on the student's home computer. It stores all the protocols (user code, terminal identification and so on) that are normally required to log into a long-distance network. Courses run from \$30 to \$100 a session, depending on length and the instructor's credentials.

Student and instructor can either communicate directly at specified times or use TeleLearning's "electronic mailbox" facility to leave work or messages at the other's computer.

Ron Gordon, former chief executive of Atari, the computer games company, has been developing the Electronic University for the past two years. He has great ambitions for international expansion.

"Within three years the TeleLearning Network will be used to educate more people than any other private educational institution in the world."

TeleLearning courses do not yet carry formal "academic credit" in the United States, but the company is negotiating such recognition with a number of established colleges and universities.

As well as offering its own programmes through department stores and computer shops, TeleLearning will license the system to colleges, corporations and others wishing to teach their own courses with their own instructors to their own students or employees.

The final words of praise for TeleLearning came from James Coyne, who heads the appropriate Office of Private Sector Initiatives in the White House. "Never before has technology offered such promise to broaden the ability of society to provide effective, low cost, industrialised instruction to those who want to explore the horizons of knowledge," he said.

Roger Woolnough looks at the impact of video games on teaching

The friendly side of the Cookie Monster

It sounds like a sketch from Monty Python. A psychologist stands up and delivers a paper on "Donkey Kong, Pac Man and the Meaning of Life". Solemn rows of scientists, doctors and educationalists listen with interest, and then consider such topics as the effects of video games on the parent-child relationship, and the educational potential of "Alienator Mix" and "Juggles Rainbow".

After three days, fortified with a party wine-and-cheese party, they all return to places like Berkeley, Palo Alto, Oakland, and Portola Valley.

It could only happen in America, but happen it did: at Harvard, no less earlier this year. The conference was called "Video games and human development", and the contribution of Robert Kegan, who gave the keynote address on Donkey Kong, was typical of the rest. He assessed the impact of video games on the human psyche.

But behind what some may consider academic absurdity, there lies a serious concern with the effect of the games on society, family life, crime, education, and much else. Seldom can a subject which looks so frivolous on the surface have been subjected to such a onslaught of sheer brainpower, as happened at Harvard.

Well to the fore was Dr Robert Olton, a psychologist who is now manager of behavioural research at Atari Inc in California.

In LooDoo a few weeks after

sound to create different harmonies.

Everyone at the conference seemed agreed that educational video games have a big future. "There's a very rich tutorial interaction between machine and learner," said Professor David Perkins of Harvard Graduate School of Education. "It all takes care of itself, because the kids want to learn." This is educational heaven. It's certainly different from Hall & Knight's Algebra.

Where some people may part from the conclusions of the Harvard conference is in the areas of crime and family life. Have these eminent researchers really got it right?

Dr David Brooks, a specialist in juvenile crime, was so concerned about whether a games arcade was a safe place for a child that he carried out two years of research, interview-

ing and watching 900 children and talking to 973 youths.

He concluded that: typical arcade plays are a fairly stable, and even above-average, group of teenagers.

"Are video games addicting?" Brooks asked. "By and large... 51 per cent play the games less than half the time they are in the arcades." (What are they doing for the rest of the time?)

Professor Edna Mitchell, of Mills College, has studied the effect of the video game on the family circle. It turns out that it is responsible for reviving that old American imperative, togetherness.

"When I began the study," Professor Mitchell said, "I thought these children would be playing video games five or six hours a day, and the parents wouldn't be able to pry them away and there'd be a tremendous amount of family conflict. Instead, the families reported a new kind of interaction, some of which had not occurred for years and years, since they'd stopped playing Monopoly together."

If some difficulty in equating video games with happy families, the benefits of the games in another context seem unquestionable. Dr William Lynch, director of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit in a California hospital, described how the unit has been using video games, and eventually computers, to help patients recover their skills.

Robert Olton of Atari believes that one day people may use a computer to extend their mental abilities, just as they now use power tools to extend their physical abilities. That is, if the Cookie Monster doesn't get them first.

When he was in his early twenties, Bill Butt applied for a job as an administrative assistant. He had never heard of the company, but it happened to be IBM. It was a chance beginning to a career in computing which has involved Butt with several other American computer companies, and has led to his present involvement with local area networks.

"I was gathered into the fold of IBM," Butt recalls of his early experience, "and spent seven years with the company. At first I was selling punched cards and magnetic tapes. Then I was trained to sell a full data-processing system."

In fact he left soon after his training was complete, and began a kind of Cook's Tour of the industry, with stop-overs at Telex Computer Products, Varian Data Machines, Wang, and Harris Systems.

It was while he was with Wang where he became national sales manager for word-processing and computing, that Bill Butt first realised the possibilities of local area networks (LANs). When he was approached to become managing director of Digital Microsystems, which specialises in LANs, he jumped at the chance.

"I haven't enjoyed myself so much for a very long time," he says. "After all those American



People/Bill Butt of Digital Microsystems Cyclist on the right road

formed by Professor John Torode and his wife in 1975, and a few years later started to exploit Torode's design for a LAN called HINet, which links together several microcomputers. Extel started distributing the company's products in Britain, and then bought the controlling interest.

"We've been going from strength to strength," Butt enthuses. "There are more than 500 HINet LANs installed in this country," with British Telecom a major user.

Earlier this year Digital Microsystems moved to new premises in Wokingham, and has started its own design and manufacture for the UK market.

"We hope to encourage some joint developments," Butt comments, although clearly John Torode's contribution remains significant, and basic work is being carried out in the States.

For relaxation, Bill Butt indulges in the low-tech pastime of cycling, which he recently took up to keep fit. "I had not done it since I was about 18," he says. "I had to learn how to turn left and right again."

But there should be no such problems with Digital Microsystems, where the road seems to stretch straight ahead. RW

A chance to put talent on show

The exhibition and conference season is well and truly upon the UK computer industry, providing the annual opportunity to look for a job.

The primary reason for the exhibitions, the biggest of which is Compec in November, is to show and view new equipment. Just below the surface, however, exhibitions and conferences provide a unique opportunity for staff, especially marketing staff, to find a new employer.

For most of the year, marketing staff have their noses to the ground, fighting their competitors for essential market share, quotes and commissions.

Occasionally they let off the hook and seek to stand around on exhibition stands looking neat and tidy, ready with a winning smile for the interested visitor. While this job is generally boring and tackled with great reluctance by the marketing staff, for some of them it proves to be the ideal opportunity to view the production prospects of the opposition.

Under the cover of checking out the competitor's stands they can make contact with their prospective employer, have a quick interview and arrange for further more secretive meetings. This use of exhibitions and conferences has reached such a fine art in the US that exhibition organisers put up job boards for prospective employers to advertise on.

JOB SCENE Richard Sharpe

Most marketing staff publicly avert their eyes when passing these boards, just in case their manager is around. But in a quiet moment most of them will, at least, give the adverts and business cards pinned up a glance to see if they can take the plunge and move on.

Sometimes this whole operation is just a bluff, a calculated strategy to get an offer with which to extract a better position or more money from the existing employer. Sometimes it is a genuine move that evokes a response from one's employer.

In one recent case a marketing manager was nearly lured away from a major company in the UK by another company that was so sure they had secured his services that they put out a press release. He decided to stay on and there was confusion all round.

Marketing managers attuned to the use of exhibitions by their employees, who probably owe their own jobs to just such stratagems, guard against the use of stand service by a variety of statistics.

One tactic is to select closely those that will be on the stand and keep the rest out of the road. Another is to get the staff on the stand and make them use part of their time following calls and doing other administration just to keep them busy.

A third is to ensure that their biggest customer is invited to the exhibition so that they have to play host and realise just how much commission is at stake if their move does not prove successful.

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10 years to go to the new office

If tomorrow's office is slow to arrive, don't blame the machines, blame the people, writes Roger Woolnough. That was the message from Michael Aldrich, chief executive of Rediffusion Computers, when he addressed the Midland Association of Building Societies.

All the technology for integrating data, text, graphics, voice, image, information handling, storing and processing is already in place, he said. The main constraint to introducing the integrated office is the lack of people among users with the experience, to design, install and implement it.

He put the timescale for integrated office systems at 10 years. Even then old habits would die hard, and results would still be printed on paper. "There is no good news for the trees with office automation," Aldrich said.

The computer industry's galloping technology has a limit after all. It is now 10 years since Parkin Elmer introduced the first 32-bit minicomputers, but UK general manager Brian Hanley sees little need for 64-bit or 128-bit capabilities. "The 32-bit machine may be the ultimate," he says, observing that one can get gigabytes of memory out of 32-bit machines. But things have changed.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Today's multiprocessor equivalent of Parkin-Elmer's high-end 8/32 machine of 1974 can deliver 42 times the performance for the same cost. And stand by for "transparent multiprocessing" - slide-in units that will increase computer power and memory without major capital investments.

Well-heeled can now indulge in an "intelligent" telephone, STC Communications has launched the Executive, a telephone set with a screen and keyboard, powered by a microcomputer. Among other things, it has a memory bank that can keep the executive's diary and address book up to date, and it can sound an alarm when it is time for a meeting or - more important - lunch.

Executive also gives access to Prestel and other viewdata services, and it can send or receive electronic mail and telexes via Telecom Gold. A single Executive will cost about £2,000, or around £200 for an executive/secretarial combination, but STC thinks the market for intelligent display telephones could reach 47,000 units by 1986.

Early models of a new family of hard disc drives are expected in the UK early next year. Developed in the UK by microcomputer manufacturer, they offer unformatted

- capacities of 6.55 and 12.7 Megabytes and in the new 3.5-inch package their compact size is almost in relation to a human hand (right).
- UK Events
- Lancaster & Morecambe Computer Club, Open Day, Lower Town Hall, Lancaster, October 29
- Computerium UK, Naisse Library, Avon, October 31-November 18
- Software Expo, Wembley Conference Centre, London, November 9-13
- Home Computer Exhibition, Dublin, November 9-13
- ROMEDSI - Personal - Computers & Leisure Technology Exhibition, Bristol Exhibition Centre, November 11-13
- Malvern Micro Fair, Malvern Winter Gardens, Worcestershire, November 12
- Manchester Apple Village, Belle Vue, Manchester, November 13-16
- COMPEC, London Olympia, November 15-18
- Computer Aided Design for the Building Professional, RIBA, Portland Place, London W1, November 16
- Overseas Events
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Classroom computer competition

There seemed to be a lot of confusion among the entries in the fourth of our 12 weekly Classroom Computer competitions for young people up to 18 years old.

Most entries confused the words micro-processor and microcomputer. The world's most common type of microcomputer is based around an 8-bit processor. The world's most common microprocessor is 4-bit. This accounts for more than 50 per cent of all processors used. It is found in washing machines, television, cars etc., and far outnumbers the 8-bit processor used mainly for data/information processing. The 16-bit processor accounts for only a small percentage of use.

As far as a new name for a 16-bit word was concerned, chomp and gobble were the most common - chomp was liked by the judges, gobble not so much.

Munch and mouthful were also popular. It was in the second choice of word that the judges looked for originality.

Today we offer the seventh competition. There are two age groups - up to 15 and 15 to 18 inclusive. Entries will be individual efforts but because we are keen that schools should become involved, the main prize - two Atari 600XL computers a week, one for each group - will be presented to the school of the winner's choice. In addition, 10 copies of The Times Atlas of World History, five in each age group, will be awarded each week to individual entrants, including the overall winners of the school computers.

The competition is simple to enter. Cut out the entry form today and every Tuesday for the next 11 weeks and collect each week the entry tokens from the back page of The Times (you will find it at the foot of The Times Information Service) on the five following publication days - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday - and stick them on the form. Those who entered last week should be sure that entries are posted to arrive by first post Friday.

Today and in every week of the competition there will be five questions on computers to answer with a different theme each week. These will not require the use of a computer but may require a certain amount of research. All the answers are to be found in works of reference readily available to young people. There is a tie-breaking question to answer which will test the ingenuity and imagination of contestants and enable the panel of judges to decide the winners. Every week is a new contest so missing one week will not spoil your chances.

Enjoy yourselves and good luck!

The Prizes



• The ATARI 600XL computer has a 16k RAM memory, expandable to 64k with a memory module. 24k ROM and software compatibility with other ATARI home computers.

• The Times Atlas of World History has 360 pages containing 600 new maps and 300,000 words of narrative presenting history in the context of the places where it happened.

Judging

1. The prizes will be divided and awarded equally between the two age groups - up to 15 years and 15-18 years as at date of entry.
2. Those entries with all factual questions answered correctly will be judged first. The entry which in the opinion of the judges gives the most apt and imaginative answer to the tie-breaker question will win a Computer for the School or College nominated, and a personal prize of an Atlas.
3. Other entries with all-correct answers and judged to have submitted the next 8 best answers to the tie-breaker will win a personal prize of an Atlas.
4. Those entries with less than all-correct answers will be judged in order, in the event that not enough all-correct entries qualify.
5. If identical entries are judged to have won, the entrants may be asked to submit to a further similar competition.

Rules

1. All entries must be made via the official entry form as printed in The Times. No photocopies will be accepted. Several entries from the same school may be posted together.
2. Each individual entry must be accompanied by the required

number of computer symbols as printed in The Times relevant to that week's competition.

3. All entries must be made clearly in ink. Incomplete, illegible, spilt or late entries will be rejected as will those without a nomination.

4. You must be under 19 years of age and be a full-time student of the school or college nominated at the time of entry.

5. Names of all winners will be published in The Times not later than 2 weeks after closing date. All entries become the sole property and copyright of The Times. Prizes will be despatched to the School.

6. No individual may win more than once in any one weekly competition.

7. Proof of posting is not acceptable as proof of entry.

8. The decision of the panel of judges appointed by the Editor is final on all matters connected with the competition. No correspondence at any stage of the competition will be entered into.

9. Employees and their families of Times Newspapers Ltd, its associated companies or anyone connected with the operation of this competition are not eligible.

10. All entrants will be deemed to have agreed to abide by the rules of which all instructions form part.

Results of the fourth competition

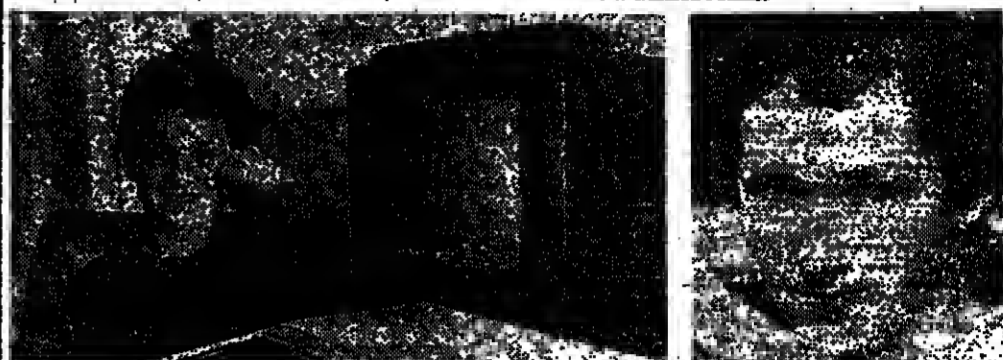
Stuart and Anthony are this week's winners

Two boys, age 10 and 16, are the winners of The Times Classroom Computer fourth competition. They are Stuart McDonald of St. Bernadette's School, Harrow, Middlesex, and Anthony Cole, of Downend School, Downend, Bristol. The winning decision was made by a tie-breaking question.

The answers to the fourth competition were 1) A; 2) B; 3) B; 4) A; 5) A.

The winners will both receive an Atari 600XL computer for their schools, as well as a personal gift of the Times Atlas of

World History. The eight runners up are: Martin Rooney, St. Bride's High School, East Kilbride; Sian Morse, Rosebery School, Epsom, Surrey; Samantha King, Herts & Essex High School, Bishops Stortford, Herts; Anil Patel, Cobden Junior School, Loughborough, Leics; Simon Fowler, St. Dominic's School, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex; Stephen Witter, Kings School, Peterborough; Sarah Wright, School of St Helen & St. Katharine, Abingdon, Oxon; Simon Spooner, Gillingham Comprehensive School, Gillingham, Dorset. Each receives a Times Atlas.



Stuart McDonald (10) left, comes from a computing household. His mother is a lecturer in computing and his father is a consultant, so it was inevitable that he took an interest in the subject.

Apart from the micro, Stuart's other hobbies are football, chess and swimming for the local team. Anthony Cole (16) right, has just won a BBC machine in a competition linked with the film *Titanic*.

At home, with his BBC micro, he plays games and writes utilities, using machine code. He has an O Level in computing studies, and this

year hopes for an A in the subject. Downend school is equipped with BBC, RML, and ZX81 micros, and is moving to a new computer room. Computer Studies teacher Mrs S. Redfern is looking forward to the addition of the Atari. It will enable more of the younger children to use the facilities during the club sessions after school. Anthony is a keen photographer and cyclist.

COMPETITION No 7. Memories 2

Study the 5 questions below carefully, and select your answer from the choices given. In each case write only the appropriate code letter into the answer box. Remember to complete the tie-breaker and all other parts of this entry form in accordance with the rules - and to attach 5 entry symbols.

Closing date for entries - 1st post Friday, November 4.

1. The maximum amount of memory that can be accessed from an 8-bit microprocessor is:
A 8192 bytes
B 65536 bytes
C 131072 bytes
2. The standard IBM formatted single density 8 inch floppy disk has:
A 77 tracks
B 35 tracks
C 40 tracks
3. A what-Winnie is:
A 5 inch diameter hard disk
B A Dartmoor pony
C The other half of a famous cartoon mouse
4. A ROM is:
A a space invader from the planet Romulus
B a type of memory that you cannot change
C read/write memory
5. A CCD is:
A a plain clothes policeman
B a type of calculator/computer display
C a memory technology using electrostatic charge

Tie-breaker

In fewer than 20 words, describe a novel application for a magnetic bubble memory.

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The new-hat centre

Yet another micro-based company has blossomed in the London borough of Islington. Shelton Instruments, manufacturers of the multi-user Sig/Net series of micros, has just taken over a disused wig and hat warehouse in the new technology centre borough, and opened a new production line there.

The company set up by a graduate of Imperial College, Dr Chris Shelton in 1974, originally concentrated on consultancy work, but when Neil Harrison, who is now technical director, arrived in 1978, the company decided to put all of its efforts into the sig/Net project.

The system, which offers facilities for multi users to grow with low cost linear expansion, costs less than 2000 units in the last eighteen months, and the company, with

orders for a further 1000, is its sights set on selling 4000 units this year.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Minister responsible for Information Technology, who opened the new premises, sees companies like Shelton beating foreign competitors at their own game, by not competing directly with Japanese and American imports.

To aid the company expansion, late last year it received an injection of capital from The BTG and Innotech Investments. With a new 16-bit signal processor micro, due to be unveiled, probably at COMPEC, the company has expanded its workforce, and now employs what must be one of the highest-trained teams in the area, for all of the production team are at least "A" level or HNC holders, while the test team consists solely of graduates.

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General

Come back, almost all can be retrieved in time

By Jacquetta Megarry

David Hewson wrote (*Computer Horizons*, October 4) of the cold dread certainly experienced by a computer user who has just wiped out the work of hours, days or even weeks at the touch of a button.

His advice is sound ("Don't just save it, print it too") but cannot be taken too literally: constantly interrupting one's writing to print out unfinished articles would defeat the object of using word processing. In any case, rekeying a long article, a complex program or an extensive data file is an error-prone chore.

So readers should know that disc disasters can usually be retrieved, and you don't need any programming skill to do it. Below I describe exactly how I retrieved an article from a faulty disc.

Users of disc-based computer systems may be aware of something called DFS: the Disc Filing System. This is just a program which takes care of storing and retrieving things on disc: it keeps track of where it has put things, what the files are called and keeps an orderly list of files in the catalogue or directory.

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When all is well, the user doesn't need to worry about any of this. However, if things go wrong, the DFS may return ominous messages like "DISC FAULT 18 AT 12 08" when you try to save or load a file. This might just mean there is a speck of dust on the surface of the disc, or that one tiny bit of your file has been lost. But it means that to get your file back you will have to by-pass the DFS.

Again, if you tell the DFS to delete a file by mistake, you should know that it has not actually been removed from the disc. It's just that the DFS removes it from the catalogue. Attempts to load it through the DFS will fail because the DFS no longer knows where to find that file. But if you can by-pass the DFS you may find it completely intact. Indeed while looking for my article I found all sorts of other things which I thought I had deleted months ago: a sort of dream-like jumbled electronic memory.

How can you by-pass the DFS? I used a remarkable program from *Computer Concepts* called *DISC DOCTOR* which comes packaged with 19 other useful programs on a chip now permanently plugged into my BBC Micro. It costs just £25.

The morning I lost my article, I would gladly have paid double that just to get it back. With other faults, different disc systems and other recovery programs, the details of what follows will vary, but the principles are the same.

First you have to find out where your file starts on the disc and where it finishes. Then you load these sectors (as the subdivisions are called) directly into your computer's memory, edit them (if you want to remove any garbage, repetition or bits that don't belong) and then save the file afresh.

Specifically, when my file wouldn't load I used "INFO" to find its length and where it was on the disc. Unfortunately the BBC tells you these numbers in hex (base 16), so the next stage is to convert them into base 10 numbers; you can get the BBC to do this for you by typing "PRINT &" before the hex number.

Then I typed "RECOVER" (the DISC DOCTOR command for recovering information directly from the surface of the disc) followed by the starting point, the number of sectors, then the number 3000 and finally the number 0. This simply tells the system that I've only got one disc drive. The 3000 is just a convenient address in the computer's memory to put the file while you have a look at it.

Now comes the thrilling bit. A program called MZAP gives you a window into the interior of your micro's memory. Typing "MZAP 3000" starts you at address 3000, but you can wander around freely inside the memory. Having just "RECOVERed" my file, I could see the text in blocks of eight characters (letters and space) together with the hex numbers used to represent each character in the computer's memory. So I verified that I had what I wanted (and did a little editing at the same time), and simply saved the new file by typing "SAVE NEWFILE 3000".

The whole process need only have taken ten minutes, had I not become so fascinated by MZAP. By going higher up the memory I found I could look at the program which was actually running; I felt like an electronic voyeur, trespassing on my micro's inner recesses.



Million-pound software tool

By Paul Walton

The obscure art of constructing computer systems could become as simple and as reliable as civil engineering. Since a pioneering software house has developed the first tools which embody the new discipline of "software engineering".

The first software tool will apply a computer workstation to constructing computer systems for the first time, and will cost Imperial Software Technology a million pounds to develop after two years of planning how to do it.

John Parker is the principal consultant at IST, which was set up a year ago close by Imperial College in order to "develop the first ever disciplined approach to building a system using the computer, and going beyond the artistic, rather seat-of-the-pants approach used today".

He added that software tools would do away with the trial and error which programmers and analysts now go through to get a system working, and would eventually make it easy enough for anybody to apply

their computer without detailed understanding of how it works.

The company was backed to the tune of \$750,000 last October by Plessey, Natwest, P.A. Management Consultants and Imperial College itself after the head of computer science there, Professor Lehmann had the idea of putting software engineering theory into commercial practice.

IST has so far attracted just over two dozen such experienced specialists from British software houses and has laid the ground rules for future prod-

ucts, helped by profitable consultancy work for some very prestigious organizations.

Parker said that work is just beginning on the first software tool, an expert system along the lines of those which the Government's Alvey collaborative research and development project was charged with producing. IST will work with other computer firms, but it has chosen to apply for a massive £300,000 grant from an existing commercial software aid scheme in order to get off to a quick start and hold on to its world lead.

Swiss contract for Scicon

Britain's Scicon, a subsidiary of BP, has won a significant contract in Switzerland with a new generation of message-switching systems. Radio Suisse, which provides private telecommunications services, has installed Scicon's new Text & Data Exchange in Bern, which will offer a private network service called Datacare III to Swiss organizations.

Scicon's software allows message-switching systems based on its new exchange to be custom-designed to users' needs. The company believes the new TD Exchange systems will be used by large organizations looking for sophisticated

message switching. They allow terminals and computers to be connected to telex and telephone networks, as well as to host computers. Up to 30 fully independent networks can be operated through a single exchange.

Radio Suisse sees Datacare III as a big step forward. "We aim to be a European leader in private network services by providing a gateway for international private telecommunications," said Pierre von Niederhauser, manager of the company's consulting and engineering group.

The Swiss service will use three DEC PDP 11/44 and three

DEC PDP 11/70 minicomputers. It will be able to support 500 lines and 70 separate customer networks.

Scicon was chosen to provide the software - which is alone worth £200,000 - from among 11 other tendering organizations.

"We're offering the benefits of a tailored solution using packaged software," explained Penny Jackson, manager of Scicon's message-switching division. "And we're using that software not only to provide message switching but as a mechanism to combine data processing and communications."

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Salary: to £13,000 p.a. Ref: RSP/IG/T

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WALL STREET PRICES & COMMENT THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

Another set of erratic US money supply figures threw the London stock market into a state of confusion yesterday as share prices resumed their downward trend in the face of renewed nervous selling.

US money supply nerves

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, Oct 17. Dealings end, Oct 28. Contango Day, Oct 31. Settlement Day, Nov 7.

Concrete will be the purchaser of an extra 25,000 shares. It now owns 4.21 with shares, or 24.42 per cent of the equity. Shares of RMC closed unchanged at 37p.

The Prudential Corporation one of Britain's biggest financial institutions, has bought a stake in DPCE Holdings, the computer maintenance group which joined the market earlier this year.

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Barclays, 8p at 334p, Midland, 10p at 384p and National Westminster, 5p at 579p.

Debenhams are believed to favour placing shares in its credit company rather than go for a full quote.

Bank shares were worried by weekend fears over the Argentine debt position despite reassurances from Buenos Aires.

Investment Office had sold its entire stake of around 9 per cent of the equity. But this was being discounted by most observers last night.

Among insurers Eagle Star rose 5p to 528p - still 28p above the Allianz offer - on hopes of a higher bid.

On of the biggest falls of the day was recorded by Burnett & Hallamshire, the open cast coal mining group, which tumbled 50p to 218p.

Profit-taking also lopped 4p from Hollis Bros at 39p. Mr Robert Maxwell's BPCC owns over 70 per cent of the shares and is reported to be planning a large injection of assets into the company after rejection last year.

British Dredging has increased its stake in Ready-Mix from 10 to 15 per cent.

Among the leaders BOC Group tumbled 10p to 229p after a visit to the company's American operations by analysts recently.

Friedland Deggart returned from a brief suspension at 170p after details of the company's plans to buy 15 per cent of its own shares by tender offer.

Reports from the United States suggested the Kuwaiti share price is totally inexplicable.

It was a nervous time yesterday for shares of United Scientific Holdings as a large seller of 3.5 million shares appeared on the scene after hours.

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INTEREST RATES

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TODAY

Interims: English National Investment Co, First Charlotte Assets, Francis Industries, Hamilton Oil Great Britain, Kwik-Fit (Tyres & Exhausts) Holdings, OK Bazaars (1929), Richardsons-Westgarth (amended), Runciman (Walter), The Times' Vener Co, Vanbrugh Currency Fund, Vase Group

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Amalgamated Estates, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, EC2 (10.30), Apex Properties, 243/247 Pavillion Road, Sloane Square, SW1 (noon), Associated Dairies Group, Headingly Pavillion, St Michael's Lane, Leeds (2.30)

NOTEBOOK

Highland Distillers Company reports a 23 per cent increase in annual profits from \$5.7m to \$7.1m. A final dividend of 2.25p is being proposed raising the total for the year from 2.85p to 3.2p.

Takeover highlights British protests to EEC to open up foreign insurance markets

Eagle Star demands Monopolies inquiry to fend off Allianz

The Government is believed to be considering increasing the asset qualification for investigation of a merger from £15m to £25m to help reduce the workload of the OFT which typically examines 200 cases each year.

Mesa still buying Gulf shares

Mesa Petroleum, of Texas is continuing to buy shares in Gulf Oil Corporation as the US oil group struggles to avoid a widely-expected takeover bid.



Professor Gower: report soon

Gower to favour self regulation

The results of Professor Jim Gower's two-year study of how Britain protects its investors will be passed to the Department of Trade and Industry within five weeks.

Telerate sets \$20m profit record

Telerate, the British-owned, but New York-based financial news service reported record profits and earnings yesterday.

Review hits Burnett shares

Shares of Burnett & Hallamshire Holdings, the open-end mining and property group, plunged by 50p to 218p on the Stock Exchange yesterday on fears that the group's run of 15 consecutive years of record profits is coming to an end.

Brengreen bid claim attacked

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank advisers to Sunlight Services, yesterday disputed claims that Brengreen (Holdings) was close to winning its £36m takeover battle for Sunlight.

Nissan 'assembly plan'

The president of Nissan of Japan, Mr Takashi Ishihara, confirmed in Tokyo yesterday that the company's proposed British operation could initially be only an assembly plant for imported parts and components.

City Editor's Comment

Learning to live with outsiders

The Royal Lancaster Hotel in London plays host today to a conference on "Self Regulation, and the City," at which most if not all the key figures in the changing investment scene will present a mixture of progress reports and opinions on the rapid evolution of London Securities markets.

Ricoh to build £5m UK plant

Ricoh company, one of Japan's leading makers of office equipment, is to build a £5m plant in Telford, West Midlands. It will be the company's first direct investment in Britain.

Sohio to spend \$36bn on Prudhoe

The significance of the huge Prudhoe Bay oilfield in north Alaska has been revealed by spending plans from Sohio, the American oil company in which BP has a 53 per cent stake.

W. German economists gloomy

Bonn (Reuters) - Obstacles to a lasting economic recovery in industrialized countries remain large and growth rates will slow in some nations, according to West Germany's five leading economic research institutes.

Early plunge in Dow

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks held above their early lows yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial average was down about 8.5 points at the 1,240 level after lifting from its early fall of 17 points.

November launch leaves mainland trailing

It is intended that the island's customs service, which is independent of the British force, will have permanent officers on site within a high security perimeter.

Isle of Man to open first British freeport

announcements are expected in the next year. The Manx freeport would be the first in the British Isles because the Shannon duty free area in the Irish Republic is not a separate enclave and branches EEC rules for freeports. These demand, among other things, restrictions on access, and a single entrance.

RACING: MIXED FORTUNES FOR TWO JOCKEYS

Dettoni wins ban appeal

Gianfranco Dettoni left Jockey Club headquarters in Portman Square a relieved man at 1.30 yesterday afternoon. The eight-day suspension for careless riding that was handed out to the ten times champion Italian jockey for his handling of Tomeloo in the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on October 15 has been lifted. This means that Dettoni will be free to ride in a big race in Italy on Sunday.

Carson is in trouble again

Willie Carson, who has spent nearly a month out of action this season as a result of suspensions for careless riding, was yesterday reported to the stewards of the Jockey Club for that offence again on his return at Nottingham from a 22-day ban.

East Germany against spread of participation money

Andy Norman, the British official who is one of the most influential people in the new semi-professional world of international athletics, is advocating that Britain drops next year's matches against the Soviet Union and East Germany.

Nottingham

Table of race results for Nottingham, including 1.15 REPTON STAKES, 1.45 BITTER END HANDICAP, and 2.15 WILLINGTON HANDICAP.

Redcar

Table of race results for Redcar, including 1.30 KILTON STAKES, 2.0 ESTON HANDICAP, and 3.0 HUNTCLIFFE HANDICAP.

Yorkshire chairman hits back

Michael Crawford, the Yorkshire chairman, said yesterday that the heat and insults of the newly-formed Yorkshire Members 1984 group had marked one of the saddest days in the history of the club.

Nottingham

Table of race results for Nottingham, including 3.15 FINAL HANDICAP, 3.45 EAST MIDLAND HANDICAP, and 4.15 CHEPSTOW STAKES.

Plumpton

Table of race results for Plumpton, including 1.30 NEWICK HURDLE, 2.30 HOLSTEN PILS CHASE, and 3.0 DYKE HURDLE.

Pakistan anxiously await Lillee still a power in the land

Brisbane, (AFP) - Zaheer Abbas, the Pakistan vice-captain, is due to join the touring cricket team to Adelaide on Thursday and is expected to lead the side in its first-class match against South Australia on Friday.

Nottingham selections

1.15 Northair, 1.45 Allanyza, 2.15 Tom Sharp, 2.45 Allgoing, 2.15 Cornish Gem, 3.45 Bespoke.

Edinburgh

1.45 PIMMEROW STAKES, 2.15 WILKINSON STAKES, 3.0 DYKE HURDLE.

Speedwell's pride dented by Scots

Speedwell Racquet, the English leading cup champions, were from Bristol, slumped to an unexpected defeat at the hands of their Scottish counterparts, MIM, in the friendly match which is in effect the unofficial British championship.

Optimism grows at Bramley

There are renewed hopes that Bramley may be saved from extinction within the next few weeks.

Chepstow results

Table of race results for Chepstow, including 1.30 HORSESHOE STAKES, 2.0 WINDMILL HANDICAP, and 2.30 ASTON PARK HANDICAP.

Nottingham

Table of race results for Nottingham, including 2.15 WOODBOROUGH STAKES, 3.0 WINDMILL HANDICAP, and 3.45 WOODBOROUGH STAKES.

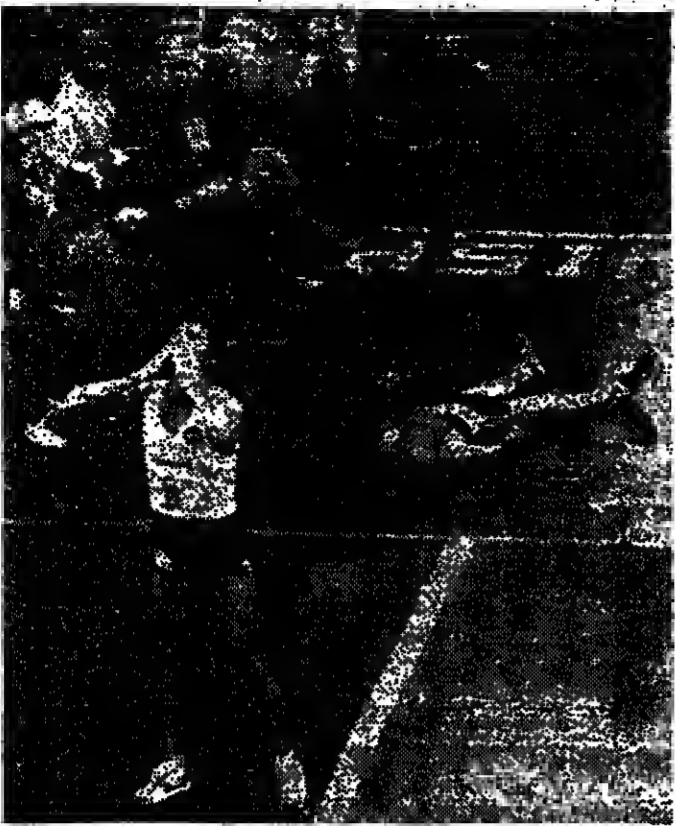
Boone has edge over young Male

The Manchester Golf Racquet tournaments last weekend attracted a high proportion of younger talent. The Racquets singles final provided the eagerly awaited appearance in the club's history of James Male.

Rackets

Male then, serving from the left, single-handed with a heavy sidecut, exposed Boone's weakness, but his double-handed serve from the right was less exciting.

MARATHON



Kisses from the victor (Rod Dixon) and gasps from the vanquished (Geoff Smith) at the New York marathon.

British distance men may find some comfort in the pain

By Pat Butcher

Geoff Smith, the former Liverpool fireman currently at college in the United States, maintained the great British tradition of high placings in the New York City Marathon on Sunday, and only just failed to become the first foreign athlete to win the men's race since it began 14 years ago.

That honour went to Rod Dixon of New Zealand, who caught the tiring Smith with just 400 metres left to run. But Smith and Dixon, along with Joseph Nzau of Kenya who won the Chicago marathon in record time the previous Sunday (beating another Briton, Hugh Jones by half a second) have proven that there is still a large reservoir of untapped marathon talent in the world.

Dixon and Nzau, both 33 years old, and Smith who is 29 have only run half a dozen marathons between them. But in eight days they have shaken up the established marathon runners, and given other 10,000 metre runners plenty to think about. They have also made the strongest claims to represent their countries in the Olympic marathon in Los Angeles next year.

All three have largely restricted themselves in the last three years to the lucrative circuit of shorter road races in the United States where prize money can be as high as \$10,000 for seven-mile races. Why bother to run 26 miles when the stiffness and exhaustion will last for longer.

A prize of \$20,000 persuaded Nzau, who had to outstrip Jones

for it. And despite disclaimers of prize money by the New York organisers, Dixon will have picked up around \$25,000. Jones and Smith will have got close to those sums, and Smith has a new British record of 2hr 9min 5sec into the bargain.

These sort of performances (and sums of money) that other top British track runners like Nick Rose, Julian Goster and Mike McLeod can expect when they start to think seriously about marathons.

Closer to home the AAA should be prompted to divert some of its funds to at least seek sponsorship for their national relays after the vote of confidence given to the six-stage race by some of Britain's leading middle distance men on Saturday.

The club system is the backbone of the sport, and the AAA not only owes its existence to the clubs, it owes some of the huge profits that it is now making to them as well. There are dozens of races on the continent each weekend offering top money to top performers, and Britain is the practically bottomless well of talent to which the foreign promoters turn.

But Goster, McLeod and a dozen others chose to run for their clubs around the steelworks near Melton Mowbray. The BAAB instituted money awards for track and field athletes at the UK championships last May and the Board is almost penniless. The AAA can afford it, and it is time they showed their appreciation in a tangible fashion by rewarding the clubs and the athletes.

Patterson's footwork

New York (AP) - Floyd Patterson, the former world heavyweight champion, ran the fastest marathon of his career in New York on Sunday, clocking 3hr, 35min, 27sec. It was the first marathon in the United States for Patterson, aged 48, who had run three previous marathons in Sweden.

Patterson, who became the first man to regain the heavyweight title when he knocked out Ingemar Johansson, of Sweden, in June 1960, said: "I did the first one in 4:23 in June last year and then I was timed at 3:57 and 3:40 in two marathons in Sweden."

Another sports celebrity, Jean-Claude Killy, of France, a triple gold medalist in skiing in the 1968 Olympics, completed his first marathon in 3:58.08.

BOXING

Wallace out of European title fight

By Srikanth Sas

Boxing Correspondent

Britain's world ranked flyweight, Keith Wallace, has had to drop out of his European title bout with the champion, Antoine Montera, of France, at the Bloomsbury Crown Hotel on November 2 because of the death of his father, Frank Warren, the promoter, said "Keith is not mentally prepared for the fight and we asked for it to be postponed."

Warren has had to rearrange the card and it is a tribute to the fighting power of Wallace that the promoter needed to call on named fighters to prop up the show. Noel Quarless, the young man who appears to have been knocked out by television viewers after his one round demolition job on the unbeaten Swede, Anders Eklund, gets his big chance as he takes on John E. Gardner, the former British and European heavyweight champion.

If their meeting yesterday is anything to go by it is two men should bring the house down on the night. Quarless looked pleased about his first Fleet Street conference and decided to make the most of it. Gardner, of course, has seen "Why before. And already needed by claims that he had tried to get out of this bout, the Hackney heavy set grouchily in his corner, having the young fellow from Liverpool putting up all the time. "Why don't you shut up" Gardner yelled at the Liverpoolian opened with a quick "He'll go in four."

From then Gardner was on the defensive. As he backed away

Wallace: bereaved.

Quarless stung him over and over again. "He's never met anyone who can punch like me," he said. "Boxers like him are two a penny," Gardner said.

"The kid can punch," someone said. "That's all he can do," Gardner said. "Excuse me," he said, "I can box, and I'm fast. The fastest." Some fresh kid, Gardner thought. Then Quarless was dancing again in his youth. He's nearly over the hill," Gardner was on the ropes and flailing out. "I'd like to take you outside and smash you right now."

While that he hopped on his knee "if you have finished" he said to the press through his teeth. "I would like to go to the gym and... He turned to Quarless... you bring along a dentist," "y'all, and you had better bring along a surgeon."

Tony Willis, the talented young contender for the lightweight title, said "I hope my fight's on early so I can see this one." It is not a contest I would climb a mountain to see but there could be some entertaining moments that night. Quarless and Gardner were in their Russell Square tube station stairs.

SQUASH

Miss Cogswell beaten

Perth, Western Australia. Reuters. -Sue Cogswell, of England, the fifth seed, suffered one of the worst defeats of her career here yesterday when she was bundled out of the second round of the women's world championship by Heather Wallace, of Scotland.

Wallace went to a 9-0, 9-5 lead and led 7-1 in the third set before Cogswell got into her game. By then it was too late, and she conceded that deciding set 10-9. Wallace meets Jan Miller, of Australia, in the third round.

England suffered another setback when Barbara Diggins, team captain, and the tenth seed, lost to Debbie Manjales, of Australia, 9-7, 9-4, 10-8. Manjales will face Angela Smith, another English player and the eighth seed, in the third round.

SECOND ROUND: H. Wallace (Scot) bt S. Cogswell (Eng) 9-0, 9-5, 10-9; D. Manjales (Aus) bt B. Diggins (Eng) 9-7, 9-4, 10-8; A. Smith (Eng) bt A. G. G. (Aus) 9-5, 9-4, 10-8; R. Acamp (SA) bt G. W. (SA) 9-0, 9-4, 9-2; A. S. Dewey (NZ) bt R. Bedford (Aus) 9-0, 9-4, 9-2.

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6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott.
6.55 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen.

TV-am

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BBC 2

- 8.00 Daytime on Two.
8.15 The Marquis and Marquise de Ganay and their four daughters are the delightful family chosen by Robert Lacey for his new series, ARISTOCRATS (BBC2 9.25pm).

CHANNEL 4

- 4.45 Countdown.
5.15 Years Ahead.
6.00 The Sports Quiz with Steve Davis.

CHOICE

Intelligent questioning by Mr Lacey and the camerawork of Ian Kennedy, makes this programme a delight to both the ear and the eye.

Radio 3

- 6.55 Weather.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one.
7.30 The Amadeus Quartet play the Oboe Quartet in F, K 478, and the Piano Concerto in D, K 415.

Radio 4

- 6.10 News Briefing.
6.30 Farming Today.
6.55 Shipping Forecast.
7.00 News Summary.
7.15 The Six O'Clock News.

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